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Granada ends

Forte era

with £3.8bn

bid victory

victory in the £3.8 billion battle for control of Forte, ending the

Forte family's 60-year reign at the hotels, roadside cafe and restaurant company they

Granada, the leisure and

television company, secured

the acceptances of 67 per cent

of shareholders, giving the company a surprisingly com-fortable win in what had been

one of the hardest fought bid

chief executive of Granada, expressed his delight at the outcome but praised the de-

fence put up by the Forte family. He said: "Sir Rocco

and his colleagues put up a

powerful and spirited defence.

Our job now is to take full

advantage of the potential for the benefit of existing and new

A subdued Sir Rocco out on

a brave face as he left his

headquarters at High Hol-

born in central London to

contemplate an uncertain

future. He said: "Naturally we

are all disappointed but I am

proud of the people of Forte

and their commitment which

has created such a value for

shareholders. I would like to

thank them and all those who

have supported us, both inside

He added: This was a

battle between two opposing

philosophies. We have lost the bid — I do not believe that we

said: "People liked the money."

What lost it? At the end of the

day, the value of the bid. I

think we will have a lot of

happy shareholders out

The Granada team knew for certain that it had passed the

and outside the company.

have lost the argument."

shareholders alike."

battles of recent years. A jubilant Gerry Robinson.

founded.

2.30pm. The company dis-

missed suggestions that a decision by Mercury Asset Management - which holds

14 per cent of Forte shares - to throw its weight behind the

Granada bid had clinched the

Mr Rebinson refused to

comment on the immediate future for Sir Rocco and his

staff but said that Granada's management would meet their Forte counterparts. It is

Forte: battle between

two philosophies

unlikely, however, that Sir

Rocco will continue at the

Sir Rocco and his family do

have the consolation of an 8.4

per cent stake in Forse worth around £300 million. Sir

Rocco's personal stake is

worth about £50 million, al-

though he increased that stake

last Friday, having borrowed

per cent of the shares. But he is

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Blair fights to repair Labour split over Harman

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND JILL SHERMAN

TONY BLAIR was struggling to contain the most serious breakdown of party discipline under his leadership last night after staking his authority on keeping Harriet Harman in

Labour is now split at all levels over whether she should remain as Shadow Health Secretary, and the issue of her son's education has turned into one about Mr Blair's control of his party.

The Labour leader has given her his outright backing, but his deputy, John Prescott, is deeply unhappy about her decision to send her son to a grammar school and scarcely more pleased about Mr Blair's decision to support her.

Although Mr Prescott's of-

fice denied that he and Mr Blair had had a row, a curt statement suggested less than wholehearted endorsement He said: "Tony Blair as leader of the Labour Party has made clear what the position is and I have nothing to add."

This morning Ms Harman will face her internal critics at the Parliamentary Labour Party's weekly meeting, where she will explain her decision to send her son to St Olave's regret for the trouble it has caused Mr Blair and the

Then she will confront her Tory tormentors in a Commons debate on the health service, which some Labour MPs have threatened to boy-

to have eclipsed when they

slaughtered him in 1030 near

Trondheim: 966 years later,

an even greater miracie occured. John Major slaugh-

tered Tony Blair at

in store for this premier, they

will never obliterate the mem-

ory. Fifteen short minutes

supplied Mr Major with joy

of a more concentrated kind

than he has relished in a

decade. Compared with this,

years of misery and frustra-

tion seemed as nothing. As he

paused to acknowledge the

roars of support from the

government benches, an ex-

pression lit Mr Major's face

such as can hardly be seen anywhere but on babies at the

in store for Tony Blair, none

Whatever triumphs may lie

will quite erase the horror of

that same quarter hour. How,

Whatever horrors may lie

which many have labelled

Yesterday, her choice of school for 11-year-old Joseph gave Mr Blair his darkest day since he took charge and a confident John Major one of his best. The Prime Minister was roared on by Tory MPs as he taunted Mr Blair with a mocking paraphrase of his anti-crime slogan, telling him that he was to be "tough on hypocrisy and tough on the

causes of hypocrisy".

Mr Blair conceded that he was under pressure but added that the difference between him and Mr Major was that he would not "buckle under

While Labour MPs said that Mr Blair had performed as well as could be expected, they admitted that the party had suffered its most torrid mauling for many months. They watched gloomily as the To-ries gleefully seized on Mr Blair's discomfort, and the stony-faced Mr Prescott made little attempt to hide his

feelings. Mr Blair nevertheless gave Ms Harman his "unequivo-cal" backing last night and close aides said that he expectbehind her in the face of "squalid hounding" by the

Conservatives. For most of yesterday, however. Ms Harman's most visible opponents were in her party. Several frontbenchers criticised her privately and

could he have hit as cruel a

rock, as hard, as suddenly, as

this? With John Prescott's face

beside him black as thunder

and, from the backbeaches

behind, the silence that claws

into a man's back, the Opposi-

tion Leader's countenance,

pale, jaw working, was a

Matthew Parris

People will write that Mr

Major put in a champion

performance but, such was the mood, he could have

recited Three Blind Mice and

sounded deadly. As for Mr

Blair, there was nothing he

could say. Kenneth Baker

almost gargled his welcome

(for Harriet Harman) to

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study in cold rage.

Major savours joy

at the slaughter

ST OLAVE is the patron saint of Norway, and the sun is said open water at full steam,

Shadow Cabinet allies were noticeable by their absence from Westminster corridors and none publicly defended

Doug Hoyle, chairman of the parliamentary party, went to see Mr Blair on Monday night to warn him of the extent of MPs anger, and a number of MPs openly called for her resignation yesterday. Terry Lewis MP for Worsley, accused her of "hypocrisy of the highest order", adding: "I think she should resign and shouldn't have hesitated one

Ms Harman, who spe yesterday in her office working on her speech for today debate, was said to shellshocked, and members 6 Mr Blair's close circle were deeply dispirited. After all vis have done to tighten up e act, today we have looked fixe a rabble, nothing less," one senior frontbencher told The Times. "If we lose our discipline like this we lose every thing. It is a disgrace that shadow ministers should behave like this "

Most agreed that it would be impossible for Mr Blair to sack Ms Harman, but some resign. If she were to go now, though, it would be a crippling blow to Mr Blair's leadership One Shadow Cabinet member said reluctantly that there was no alternative but for her to tough it out. "If she was going to go she should have resigned on Saturday. To resign now would look as if she had been

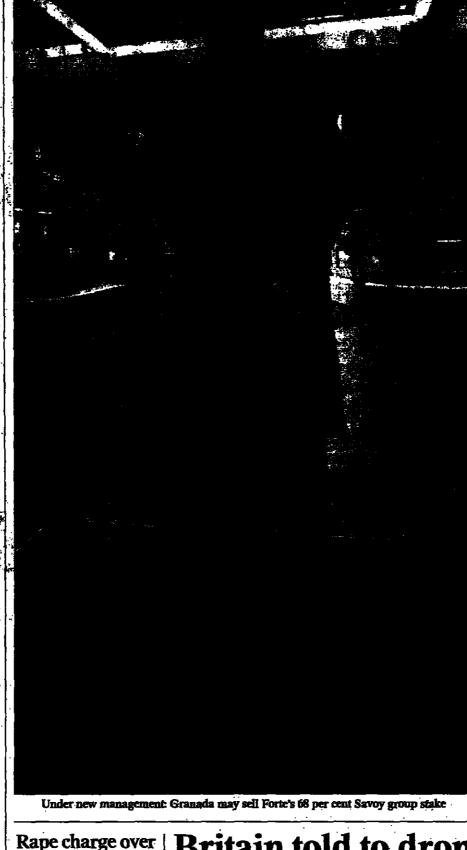
Another MP said: "It has become an issue about the Labour Party now. You cannot defend the indefensible. It is better for the party for her to go. Tony won't be able to sack

her. She should stand down." Labour was dealt a further blow yesterday when it emerged that another of the party's MPs has two sons at grammar schools. Tony Wright, the MP for Cannock and Burntwood, has one son at Five Ways School, Bartley Green, and another at Handsworth Grammar School for Boys, Birmingham. Both are strictly selective, with entrance dependent upon an

11-plus exam. The disclosure took Dr Wright's agent, Mrs Muriel Davis, by surprise. "No doubt some people in the constituency will be upset with him, but we shall talk about this in the party not in the press." Dr Wright defended himself, saying: The duty of every

parent is to try to give their children a decent education."

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schoolgirl 'bride'

A Turkish waiter who "mar-ried" a 13-year-old British girl was charged with rape and holding her by force yester-day. Musa Komeagae, 18, was detained in custody overnight in southeast Turkey and will appear before a judge today. Sarah Cook, from Brain-

tree, Essex, is understood to have had a medical examination by a police doctor after accompanying her husband to the public prosecutors

First novel wins Whitbread Prize A first novel by Kate Atkinson last night won the £21,000 Whitbread Book of the Year

The Moor's Last Sigh by Salman Rushdie had been heavily tipped to take the prize, presented at a dinner in London, Kate Atkinson's Behind The Scenes at the Muse-

um was chosen after an hour's

debate by the nine judges.

Britain told to drop IRA gun demands

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN will come under pressure today to drop its insistence that the IRA must begin to disarm before allparty talks when the International Commission on Terrorist Arms reports that the demand is impractical.

In one of the peace process's most important developments. the commission is expected to recommend instead that a gesture on arms could be made by terrorists once all-party talks have started.

Its carefully worded report. to be published in Belfast this morning, balances its position on arms by recommending political parties would help the peace process by agreeing to a series of confidence-building measures.

It is understood the most important of those would be an undertaking to accept the outcome of all-party negotiations. The Commission is expected to add that any party rejecting an agreement reached at talks should undertake to oppose it by peaceful and political methods.

George Mitchell, the commission chairman, and his two colleagues, are understood to have taken great care in the wording of the 20-page report. They deliberately do not lay down demands, hoping to win wide support.

The British and Irish Goverriments, which appointed the commission in November, are expected to issue a joint statement today Sir Patrick Mayhew, Northern Ireland Secretary, is likely to give it a cautious welcome in a Commons statement.

John Major and senior ministers studied the report at a Cabinet committee meeting

relations under a contract believed to

The Princess's diary is much lighter than it once was, but she still has two

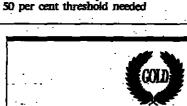
high-profile appearances in the next

two weeks: a lunch with American

journalists on Monday and as guest of

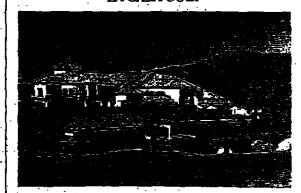
honour at a gala performance of La

be worth £35,000 a year.



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Another two staff walk out on the Princess BY ALAN HAMILTON

TWO more employees of the Princess of Wales left their jobs yesterday as she began the search for a new private secretary to replace Patrick Jephson. who walked out on Monday.

The Princess now has only two secretarial staff after the resign yesterday afternoon of Nicky Cockell, 32, who had been employed at St James's Palace to help Mr Jephson. Stephen Davis, 31, the Princess's regular chauffeur, also announced that he was leaving on the expiry of his contract, reducing her domestic staff to a cook, butler and dresser, Palace sources said that the Princess had little need of a driver now that she had cut down her public engagements, but one would always be available to

take her to an official function. The loss of her staff will come as an additional body-blow to a woman aiready reeling from the punches of impending divorce, hounding by

media adviser to handle her press from Tiggy Legge-Bourke, her estranged husband's personal assistant.

The Princess increasingly appears a lonely and isolated figure, and while Buckingham Palace indicated that it was prepared to help with the day-today running of her public life, she is being left to replace her private staff herself. Anyone she takes on will be paid by the Duchy of Cornwall.

An announcement is expected tomorrow that she has hired a part-time

Bohème at the Afbert Hall on February L Media, page 23

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Prisons

must cut

£200m

Prisoners face a diet of cold

cuts and salads after gover-

nors were urged to slash

energy consumption in jail kitchens by 30 per cent as part of a £200 million cost-cutting

drive. Jails are also being

urged to instal gas and elec-

tricity meters in their kitch-

ens after a report found that

dramatic savings could be

Governors have also been

advised to time meetings to

ellow staff to use off-peak fares and avoid the necessity of overnight accommodation.

Dissident stands

Muhammad al-Masari, the Saudi dissident who is under threat of deportation, is to

stand for the rectorship of the University of Glasgow He

has been nominated by the university's Liberal Demo-crat students' association for

Behind the Scenes, a first

novel by Kate Afkinson, has confounded the pundits to scoop the £21,000 Whitbread

Book of the Year award ahead of the hot favourite.

The Moor's Last Sigh, Salman Rushdie's first novel

A motorist was fined £75 by

Birmingham magistrates for

watching television on a set balanced on his dashboard.

Alian Wolstenholme, 44, of

Swinton, Manchester, a tele-

vision engineer, said the set

was turned off and that the police had seen reflections.

Police believe they may have cracked a £500.000 benefit fraud ring after arresting 47 people in Operation Bomber, a series of dawn raids at

Benefit arrests

since The Satanic Verses.

TV drive-in

the honorary post.

Scene stealer

Upbeat Clarke sees return of the 'feel-good' factor



Clarke: standing by forecast

THE Lord Chancellor has

agreed to extend the "coolingoff" period for divorcing cou-

ples to give them more time to

make arrangements for their

children and to meet criticisms from peers opposed to his

Lord Mackay of Clashfern

is standing by the central provision of his Family Law

Bill to allow divorce within 12

months if couples have agreed

arrangements for children

But in what critics see as a

significant concession. Lord

Mackay has agreed to give

couples up to two years' where

they have difficulties in reach-

ing such arrangements within

The change will defuse

charges that the Govern-

ment's divorce reforms put

couples under the pressure of

a tight timetable to agree on

children and property which

can be used by one party as a

couples who cannot agree on

arrangements within the 12-

month "cooling-off" period are

given a further six months. A

divorce will not be granted

until this is done. If they fail

after the further six months.

Under the Bill as drafted.

bargaining counter.

and property.

the 12 months.

CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

KENNETH CLARKE yesterday predicted the return of the "feelgood" factor this year as he set the stage for a special Cabinet session today devoted to rebuilding Conservative fortunes. In one of his most upbeat assessments of the state of the economy, the Chancellor stood by his widely criticised Budget forecast of 3 per cent growth this

He looked to rising consumer demand driven by tax cuts and building society windfalls to lift clouds that have descended again with the slowdown in national output in the final quarter of 1995. Addressing the British-American

Cooling-off period will be extended

Mackay agrees to

give divorcing

couples more time

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

divorce proceedings have to be

abandoned and the process

In response to an amend-

ment tabled by Lord Meston.

Lord Mackay said: "It may well be that the period that we

put forward, a total of 18

months (12, then a further six)

is 100 short. I believe there

could be some intermediate

The further 12 months

suggested by Lord Meston

eemed an intermediate and

therefore possibly attractive

position". Lord Mackay said

that he would consider bring-

ing forward a government

amendment at report stage to

pressure on couples to reach

agreement on children and

property within the previous

time limits of 18 months'

Jonathan Evans, junior minister at the Lord Chancel-lor's Department, said: The

Solicitors' Family Law Associ-

ation and other practitioners

have argued that the six-

month period in the Bill was

inadequate to settle all ar-

rangements in relation to

"We are very anxious to

children and property.

The change will ease the

position.

that effect.

maximum.

must be started again.

Chamber of Commerce in London. Mr Clarke conceded that consumer demand had not been powering the economy over the past two years.

This is rare for the British economy. It gives rise to all the chatter about the so-called feelgood factor. Increased consumer spending should be the main source of growth in the economy as a whole this year.

Mr Clarke voiced his optimism as John Major prepared to eather his Cabinet together today for a halfday meeting that will concentrate on the need for the Government to start reaping a political dividend from the much-anticipated rise in living standards. The "political Cabinet was called earlier this month amid renewed Tory turmoil, but the mood of ministers has been transformed in recent days by Labour's confusion over Harriet Harman.

Mr Major boasted in the Commons yesterday that the British economy was outperforming its European neighbours. Today he will put the Cabinet on a war footing for the next election by urging his ministers to trumpet the Government's economic achievements and redouble their attacks on Labour.

He will also tell them that he wants them to use their speeches to the Conservative Central Council meeting in Harrogare in March to help him begin fleshing out a vision for a lifth consecutive term in power. Although the spring of next year remains Mr Major's preferred election date, he knows the party

must be ready to go to the country from the autumn onwards.

Even before Labour's crisis over education. Mr Major was encouraged by the impact of the Conservative counter-offensive against Tony Blair's stakeholder economy idea. He will tell his colleagues they should spend less time in their departments and more time on television and radio programmes highlighting the Government's eco-

nomic achievements. Mr Clarke said that he expected consumer demand to grow by 312 per cent this year as it was boosted by a combination of E3 billion tax cuts, building society windfalls and maturing Tessas, electricity rebates of £54 per customer and an upturn in the housing market. Pundits

doubting his growth target "will be proved wrong".

In a Commons clash with Mr Blair yesterday, the Prime Minister accused him of "perverting" the truth for partisan purposes. The Labour leader said that the latest CBI survey showed that orders were flat while other figures showed that living standards had fallen last year for the first time in 12 years.

The Prime Minister retorted that Britain had the "lowest levels of inflation for 50 years, lowest mortgage rates for 30, lowest unemployment of any major European country, [and] the lowest basic rate of tax for over 50 years".

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Walsall's Labour rebels are ousted

By Ian Murray

CONSERVATIVES in Walsall have joined forces with official Labour Party councillors to oust 15 rebel leftwingers from control of the council.

A stormy meeting of the full council on Monday voted by 28 to 20 to depose "Citizen Dave" Church as leader and replace him with Ray Farrell. who heads the 19-strong official Labour Party group. John Rothery, Mr Church's deputy, was replaced by Brian John. another member of the official group, whose members will now chair all council committees. The 20-strong Conservative group was allowed a free vote and nine opted to vote against Mr Church while the

Mike Bird, the Tory leader, said: "It suits me to have Councillor Farrell as leader and the Labour members at each others' throats. This shows what would happen across the country if. God forbid, there should ever be a Labour government."

Before the vote Mr Church had made a vain appeal for all the 34 elected Labour councillors to vote together. He said: "Let's hold the Labour Party together and fight the com-

mon enemy."
The 15 rebels, who were backed by the five Liberal Democrats, have all been suspended by the party nationally on the grounds that they have formed a party of their own.

Warber O1 with £30r

a deress of tawn rates at addresses in Nottingham-shire, Derbyshire, North-amptonshire, Birmingham, and South Yorkshire. **Boutique fined**

The Versace boutique in Bond Street was described as a "death trap" and fined £4,000 for breaching fire reg-ulations. The London Fire Brigade said that the shop's owners had refused to comply with an order to clear rub-bish and to repair fire doors.

Flight of fancy

A racing pigeon that failed to return to its Dorset loft after being released in Rennes, northern France, two years ago has turned up more than 3,000 miles away in Cape Cod, Massachusetts. Its owner was traced through the bird's racing tag.

10p court order

Paul Paterson, 24, of Redcar, Cleveland, who clashed with police when crossing a road at nìght with his fiancée, was bound over for 10p to keep the peace for 24 hours. He told Teesside magistrates that a speeding patrol car came to a halt only inches from them.

CORRECTIONS

☐ Out of 674 ITN staff 183 voted for industrial action (report. yesterday): nearly 500 staff members did not vote for action or do not belong to

A photograph published yesterday was of the three grandchildren of the late Lord Home of the Hirsel: Lord Dunglass, Lady Iona Douglas-Home and Lady Mary Douglas-Home

Tory councillors voted with Labour members to remove "Citizen Dave" Church

Civil servants 'must be more numerate'

ensure that a proper period of

time is put forward for these

regotiations to be concluded."

added, there would be a

minimum of 12 months for a

divorce but a maximum of two

sorted out. "I believe that is

something on which there will

be broad agreement and I

cannot imagine that the critics

of the Bill will be other than

of the Solicitors' Family Law

Association, said he was

delighted with the change

which the association had

amounted to a straitjacket

which was likely to encourage

people to rush into settle-

ments, act as a bargaining

chip for the more unscrupu-

unachievable in many cases

where there are complex is-sues to be resolved, particular-

ly given the state of many

A group of Tory peers

oppose the divorce reforms.

which remove the notion of

fault from divorce laws, argu-

ing that they will undermine

the institution of marriage.

county court lists."

lous and would have been

The 18-month time scale

Nigel Shepherd, chairman

pleased.

recommended.

Under the amendments, he

By NIGEL WILLIAMSON WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

SENIOR civil servants need to be more numerate. Michael Heseltine said last night. announcing reforms designed to altract a new breed of Whitehall mandarin paid at rates competitive with the private sector.

Speaking at a seminar organised by the Civil Service College, Mr Heseltine told

next to rise.

"stakeholding" in education. Major

almost trilled his reply. It was Blair's

oad luck that by custom he must be

began laughing before he spoke.

Adopting the expression of St Joan as

they torched the pyre, the Labour

leader cried: "We see the baying mob!"

Mr Blair. St Joan never had to face David Evans (C. Welwyn Hatfield)

bawling: "Wot abaht St Olave's? Wot

We did. We heard them, too. Unlike

He rose. The Government benches

an audience of senior civil servants: "Far too often in my ministerial career I have been presented with 20 pages of words when one page of figures or a graph would suffice." Too many civil servants were "more inclined to qualify rather than simply

quantify the arguments." Mr Heseltine said. "Greater numeracy" rather than superfluous words was needed. Mr Heseltine signalled the

abaht the Oratory?". Unlike St Joan. Mr Blair then asked about the CBI. It

was not a question which met the need

of the hour. The mob were beginning

to enjoy themselves. Major asked

Blair said thanks for the sympathy.

then snapped: "The difference be-

tween me and you is that I will not

buckle under pressure." confirming a

number of MPs in their doubts about

his suitability for Number 10. You could see the smirking Tory front

bench tucking that remark into their

Blair to accept his sympathy.

continuation of the revolucreated agencies and contracting out. He said that he would publish a White Paper soon that would "look forward to the day when it will become the norm for those entering the senior Civil Service to have a recognised

professional qualification". High-flying recruits from the private sector would need to be better paid than current civil servants. Mr Heseltine said. Civil Service pay needed rereater differentiation with better rewards for those who contribute most.

He said that new, professional recruits would also be expected to adopt a more public - and potentially political - profile than civil servants in the past. "We must ensure that all senior staff are equipped to present and explain policy convinc-

mental files, for future use. John Prescon's face turned a darker shade

"Smile, John" showed the Tories.

Prescon's lip twitched very slightly, as

though a spider were trying to get out.

"Wor abaht the grammar schools" beliowed Evans, the first recorded occasion when grammar and Mr

Douglas French C. Gloucesteri

pitched in with a faintly unsavoury

question about black Legg-men.

Frightful in victor, and frightful in

Evans have shared a sentence

audiences," he said.

Mr Heseltine also announced that the Government planned to introduce league tables allowing the public to compare the performance of its Next Steps agencies. The announcement follows considerable public concern over the performance of such bodies as the Child Support Agency and

Major savours joy at the moment of slaughter trate in defeat on being frightful to each other. In victory they start being frightful to everyone else. Major accepted Mr French's offering rather bante. as one accepts a partially disembowelled mouse on the door-

step, from the cat.

But then Mr Major is not a Tory.

This represents his one hope of winning the next election. Tony Blair is, and won't "buckle under pressure". This represents Labour's greatest

Granada's victory

Continued from page 1 also entitled to severance pay

on his one-year service contract worth around £460,000 and holds share options with a potential profit of £430,000. There are reports that the family may buy into another

smaller group of hotels. Sir Rocco, described by staff as a workaholic usually purting in a six-day week, has expressed a wish to write a journal of the trantic last few weeks. The future for the 270 staff at the Forte headquarters, some of whom have worked

for the company for more than 20 years, is also uncertain. The staff had heard the news via one of the twice-daily bulletins which have kept them updated throughout the takeover

Granada plans meetings with all levels of Forte staff over the next few days and insisted yesterday that it would not launch a jobs purge within the company in a desperate effort to cut costs. Mr Robinson said that a full review of Forte would begin in the next few days and that job

Forte's head office. Uncertainty also surrounds the future of many of Forte's prize assets. Granada has said that it wants to sell off upmarket hotels such as the Waldorf in London and the Exclusive and Meridien chains, along with Forte's 68 per cent stake in the

Savoy group.

Granada announced that there had been interest from half a dozen parties. Mr Robinson also reiterated Granada's intentions to sell off Forte's chain of Welcome Break motorway service stations. But he added: "This is not a break-up. We want to retain 80 per cent of the earning capacity and by far and away the majority of the

Until the plans are finalised Forte will continue to be run from its London headquarters.

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Toytown will become small-scale answer to Disneyland in copyright deal worth £13m

Enid Blyton's family sells Noddy and Big Ears

ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THE family of Enid Blyton, whose centenary falls next year, has sold the copyright to her books for £13 million.

The rights to classics such as Noddy and The Famous Five have been acquired by Trocadero pic, co-owners of the Trocadero entertainment centre in central London. A marketing drive aims to catapult some of her most famous characters to international stardom, with Toytown offering Britain's answer to the merchandising power of

Disney.
Children will be able to meet Noddy and shake hands with Big Ears at the Trocadero, before persuading their parents to buy them Blyton clothes, wallpaper, confectionary, computer games and much more. Film and television programmes are also in the pipeline.

Enid Blyton would have approved. In the 1950s, she was already overseeing a mass of Noddy items, everything from toys and torches to slippers and dressing-gowns.

Merchandising and spinoffs are a goldmine for companies that own the copyright to children's books, cartoons and films. Tin-Tin and Batman are among dozens of children's favourites which have generated a wealth of ideas and profits for those



Enid Blyton, left, did not like children to make any noise while she wrote her Famous Five adventures

creating them. The merchandise produced after the 1989 Batman movie has brought in some £500 million.

The Thomas the Tank Engine industry is also vast, creating a El billion worldwide market for its licensees. There is a bedroom collection. children's clothing, toothbrushes and mugs.

There is no end to the merchandising ideas in a business which Disney is said to have invented.

Long since it came up with Mickey Mouse watches in the 1930s. Disney offers moccasins, headdresses, pillowcases and pencil cases for Pocahontas and The Lion King, selling them through their stores worldwide. The Blyton ven-

ture will be part of the £45 million Trocadero centre, which is being renovated for a summer opening as an indoor theme park. The family will retain editorial control with Gillian Baverstock, Blyton's

Blyton has recently enjoyed a revival of interest, as criticism of her stories as sexist. racist and politically incorrect has waned. There was, example, concern that Big Ears would affect people with physical abnormalities and that he should be renamed White Beard.

The copyright package had been expected to fetch about £10 million, but it was virtualbooks sell more than eight million annually worldwide. The sale includes copyright for more than 700 of Blyton's books and some 10,000 short

Ms Baverstock, who closely resembles her mother and who is organising celebrations for the 1947 centenary. emphasised that the storylines and characters in Trocadero products would remain "as my mother wrote them".

Like her mother, Ms Baverstock was a teacher. Whenever she was faced with a poor reader in her class, she used to bring in her mother's books: Within a couple of terms. I could get them up to standard. They were excellent for remedial reading, because the children wanted to continue reading."

Enid Blyton learnt the art of telling stories to children and gauged their concentration eldesi daughier, becoming a spans and vocabulary levels during her seven years as a

Ms Baverstock said yesterday that she did not recognise the portrait of her mother painted by Blyton's youngest daughter, Imogen.

In 1989 Imogen disclosed that her mother was unable to tell the difference hetween her servants and her children and that while writing books she resented her children making a noise. Blyton, who died in 1968, once told her agent that



Gillian Baverstock. Blyton's daughter, with a Noddy lookalike. The Blyton family will retain editorial control

her books were her children. My relationship with my mother was very different from Imagen's." Ms Baverstock recalled. "I didn't notice when we were children that she viewed her any differently. Maybe she always hid it. As a

and happy relationship with my mother.
"A writer needs time and

young child. I had a very close

space to write and my mother was no exception. She didn't want to be interrupted by children running in all day long, demanding drinks." She added that like most middleclass children, she had a nanny: "But in the 1930s, most families I knew did." Her mother told her stories every night, stories she had written.

Often, she would sing, partic-

ularly old folk songs, and they played games together.

Ms Baverstock has fought off political correctness. though she conceded that Golliwog was inappropriate for a multi-cultural society. She said: "There was nothing racist about it. It was once a foy in an English nursery, just like a teddy bear." She lamented the

a world untainted by adults. Norman Wright, a founder of the Enid Blyton literary society, welcomed the news as long as Ms Baverstock retained control. He expressed concern that once copyright was acquired, new stories could be ghost-written.

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Scarborough set fair with £10m bequest

A BUSINESSMAN who died The effort was not successful, last November has left nearly £10 million to be spent on worthy causes in Scarborough, the North Yorkshire seaside town he loved. One of Eric Plaxton's only stipula-tions was that a new lifeboat should be hought, and maintained at an estimated cost of £1.25 million.

The boat will be named after his father Frederick, who founded the family coach building business in 1906. Mr Plaxton always loved the sea and the lifeboat service. He was said to admire the crews for their courage.

The family business was in

construction and later in bus and coach building. It boomed both before and after the war until the coach building recession. Eric Plaxton was a director of that firm and later a director of Plaxton's Building Services which employed about 100 staff.

When keen pricing and increasing competition forced the company into financial difficulties last June, he put £325,000 of his own money into the firm to try to save it.

don't ask me."

receive legacies under the terms of the will.

However, the balance, an estimated £8 million, will go to "charitable causes" in Scarborough (population 53,000). A list is being drawn up by two of Mr Plaxton's friends -John Parkinson, who works for a law firm in the town, and John Oates, a local accountant. They have been granted probate and will have to decide which charities will

benefit "There is no shortage of good causes here," said Mr Parkinson last night, "It will be our responsibility to decide which are the most worthy."

Mr Parkinson fully expected considerable interest in the bequest from a number of different organisations.

haven't even begun to consider who the money might go to, so Mr Plaxton, 75 when he

died, never married, nor did his late elder sister Gladys. The pair used to take ocean cruises together. He lived not far from Scar-

borough South Cliff golf club. playing there for 30 years with a handicap that ranged from 10 to 12. He was also a keen snooker player and he enjoyed the occasional rubber of

as an unassuming man of simple tastes who had a good sense of humour. He was said to be "shy, but well liked". Mr Plaxton also took

paternal interest in his staff. When the family firm, which employed about 100 staff, was in financial difficulties last June he ploughed £325,000 of his own money in a failed rescue attempt.

By BILL FROST

even though the company was noted for its high building standards. Mr Plaxton also left £10,000 to his gardener and long-time friend, Maurice Mason. Two other local people are also to

His friends described him

The coach-body building firm of Plaxtons became part of the Henley group eight years ago and is still in

"I wouldn't be surprised if there wasn't quite a large post from now on," he said. "But

Stammerer shot himself

THE family of a graduate who shot himself because of his stammer launched a campaign yesterday to raise awareness of the plight of those with speech impedi-

Dominic Barker, 26, who had a master's degree in agricultural economics, killed himself 15 months ago after spending a year unsuccessfulseeking a job. He blamed his failure at interviews on his

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stammer. His parents, Alan and Helen Barker, of Holbrook, Suffolk, and his grandfather, Leslie King, of Felixstowe, yesterday ap-peared on Esther Rantzen's

BBC2 programme Esther to talk about Dominic's death. Mr King said: "Almost everyone knows somebody who stammers. To the person involved, a stammer can be the most terrible thing in their life." When he wrote to Esther

back and said she was very interested because her husband, Desmond Wilcox, had been a stammerer".

Mr Barker's mother said the family had had no idea that her son's stammer was causing him so much unhappiness. "The full extent only became apparent from what he had told his girlfriend and his speech therapist. He must have been very distressed.™

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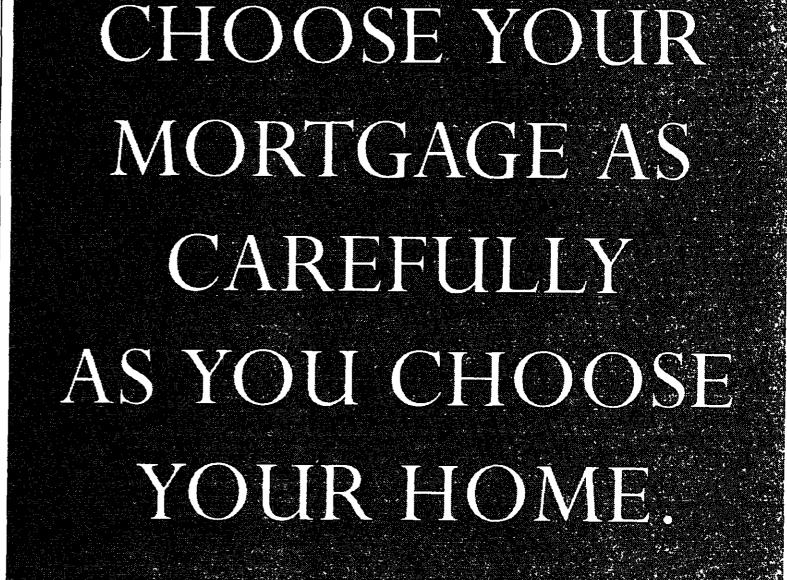
A FORMER Old Bailey judge described yesterday how his father, who had a horror of being buried alive, ordered him and his brothers to make sure he was dead by plunging Judge Michael Argyle, who

presided over the Oz obscenity trial of the early 1970s, said another distant relative had insisted his heart be removed before burial. Mr Argyle, QC. said his father's fears stemmed from his experience in both world wars.

In a letter to his local newspaper Mr Argyle, 81. said: "Throughout both wars he saw a lot of action and had a horror, based on his experience, of being buried alive." Yesterday, Mr Argyle said: "My father died peacefully in a nursing home without us present so his wishes were never put to the test. I do not

know whether we would have carried them out. Fortunately, it is a hypothetical question." He said he did not share his father's fears. "My wish is to die suddenly and without warning as I am sipping a large whisky," he said. Mr Argyle said his father had been haunted by the thought of dying slowly in the grave after an incident in which he saw a coffin reopened to reveal the corpse's torn nails, bloodstained fingers and scratch

marks on the coffin lid. Mr Argyle made his comments after the case of Daphne Banks, who was certified dead by a doctor but who was found to be alive in the hospital mortuary. He said he was attracted by the idea of the Irish wake when hodies were laid in open coffins for a few days "while relatives pay their respects and enjoy a drink".



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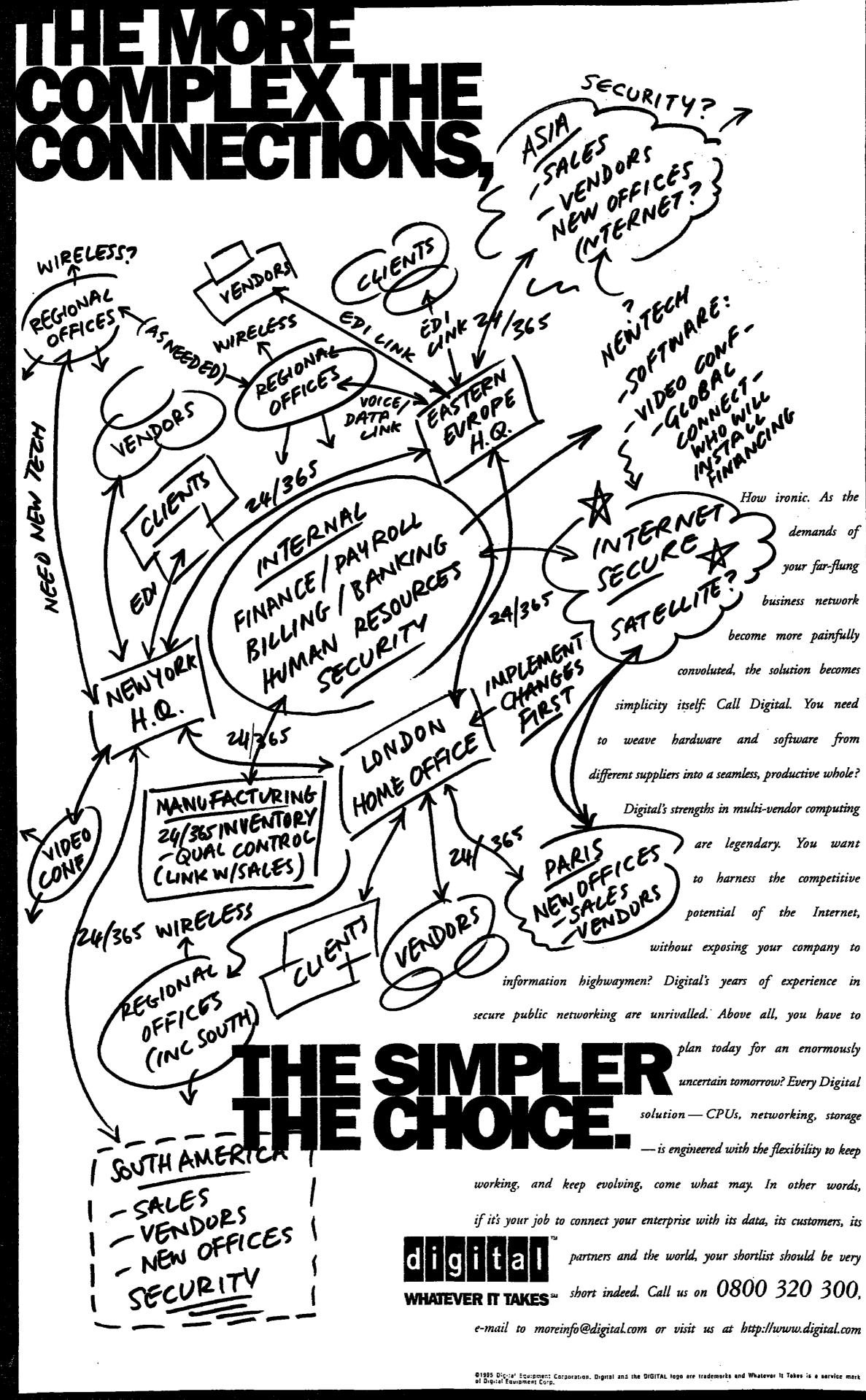
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Priest questioned by police after arrest of teenager who met his sweetheart on summer holiday

Turks charge waiter with rape of schoolgirl bride

A TURKISH waiter who "married" a 13-year-old British girl was charged with rape and holding her by force yesterday. Musa Komeagae. 18, was detained in custody overnight and will appear before a judge today.

Police at Kahramanmaras in southeast Turkey were also questioning the priest who conducted the marriage service, which is not valid in Turkish law. Sarah Cook, from Braintree, Essex, is onderstood to have had a medi-cal examination by a police doctor after accompanying her husband to the public prosecutor's office. Trudi Pak, the British vice-consul in Ankara, is flying to see her today.

Mrs Pak, who spoke to Sarah by telephone several times yesterday, said the teenager had become upset.
"When I spoke to her earlier she sounded fine, but the last time we spoke she had talked to her mother and it had distressed her," she said.

It seems likely that Sarah. who is on a tourist visa, will have to return to Britain where it is understood she will become the subject of immediate care proceedings. Sarah's parents were questioned for two hours by social workers yesterday and last night flew to Turkey. Adrian and Jackie Cook say they were deceived over the girl's relationship with the young Turk whom

THE TURKISH VIEW

Turkey is not sure what to make of this star-crossed couple and the attention they are attracting abroad, although clearly there is some sympathy for the way they have been pursued (Andrew Finkel in Istanbul writes). "Two children share a grown-up love" was the headline in

the daily newspaper Sabah.

Mr Komeagae faces between six months and three years in prison for violating a minor. Had Miss Cook been Turkish the case might not have gone to court, given the fact that her parents approve of the match. Even so, there have been recent controversial cases of girls having to endure virginity tests, with women's groups protesting against the indignity.

While some Turkish girls do undergo a traditional marriage at a young age, it is a dying practice of remote rural areas. What Turks find so bizarre about this case is that it is a Westerner from Essex who appears to have embraced what they see as archaic dress and behaviour.

she met at the age of 12 while with her parents in Alanya, southern Turkey, during their summer holiday.

The Foreign Office said: "Sarah understands she may need to return to the UK because of the charges that have been laid. She was present with him at the prosecutor's office but was not interviewed. She has returned to his family for the time being. Sarah's interest is of paramount importance to us. Our concern is for her

A lawyer for the unemployed waiter said his client would apply to have the case heard at a higher court. He will claim the girl consented to the relationship. Under Turkish law, a woman has to be at least 15 to be able to wed legally with parental consent.

Men can marry at 17. Sex with

anyone under 15 is illegal even

if it is with consent. Selim Surmen. Mr Komeagae's lawyer, said: "Sarah has said she will love Musa until death. There is no force used in this relationship. We'll appeal for his release."

He faces a maximum penalty of three years in prison and the Turkish authorities could also order Sarah to return to Britain. The Turkish Embassy said: "She is a British tourist visiting Turkey with her parents. Her visa allows Sarah to stay in our country for up to 90

days." Mr Cook, 42, a welder, and

marriage ceremony, emerged grim-faced from their meeting with social workers and resolutely refused to comment.

But earlier, on hearing of developments in Turkey, Mrs Cook, 39, said tearfully: "Oh my God! Poor Sarah! They are not allowed to examine her without my permission. Poor Musa! They can't put him in jail. I haven't lost a daughter. I have gained a fabulous son-inlaw. Now this has happened."

Mrs Cook defended the

decision to allow her daughter to marry and said the relationship was neither illegal nor immoral. The question of marriage was a bit of a shock at first and allowing it to go ahead was a big decision. We said yes because she was so . . . not headstrong, but she decided that this was what she wanted.

Before the arrest of her husband, Sarah said: "I'm treated better here than in England. I love him more than words can say. He is the sweetest man I have ever seen." She told her parents: Thank you for being the sweetest people I have ever seen and for going through all this. I love you.

At her semi-detached home, a former council house close to the school where she was in her third year. Sarah has turned her bedroom into a shrine to Musa. In felt-rip pen on the white wardrobe, she



Musa Komeagae with Sarah Cook before he was arrested for allegedly holding the schoolgirl against her will

has written "I love Musa" and on the wall are the words Musa is the man for me."

Her devotion, however, has bemused and angered social workers, Colin Davis, Essex County Council's spokesman, said: "Sarah and her parents both categorically denied there was a sexual relationship when we spoke to them in December before the marriage, not least, they said, because of the man's religion. He is a Muslim. We did not know about the marriage until we read about it in the

Sarah failed to return to Tabor High School after half-

term last November and education welfare officers called in social workers. They were iold by Mr and Mrs Cook that she was being looked after in loco parentis by Mr Komeagae's parents.

Sarah returned for Christmas before flying out again on December 27. Mr Davis said:

"Our understanding was that she was going on a lemporary basis to stay in Turkey. The parents had given their consent. She has not been in our care. If she were in this country, there would be a number of options. It could be a question of care

Beck's victims accuse council of negligence

By A Staff Reporter

FRANK BECK, the former but they were not hopeless social worker jailed for child abuse, used a therapy on children in care that was mumbo-jumbo and psychobabble", a court was told

vesterday. Seven men and women are suing Leicestershire County Council, Beck's employer between 1973 and 1986, claiming that they suffered abuse at his hands as a result of the authority's negligence. The council contests the action.

Richard Maxwell, QC, for the seven, told the High Court, sitting in Nottingham, that Beck was allowed to continue a "bogus" treatment, known as regression therapy. It involved caring for the children as if they were infants. They were made to wear nappies, drink from feeder bottles and had to have close physical contacts with staff, particularly before they went

to bed every night.
But Mr Maxwell called the therapy a "form of torture" and a "mindbending treatment... He said: These children went into the homes with a history of some disturbance

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cases and given some proper, reasonable treatment, they could have done better, much better than they did."

In one of the three homes in Leicestershire that Beck ran he used a television room as a "punishment" centre. Children were terrified of being taken into the room, the court

Mr Maxwell said that children in the homes were physically, sexually and psychologically humiliated and violated and manipulated.

"We say the defendants chose not to inquire too deeply into Beck's conduct. That was deliberately done, probably because they were fearful of Beck and probably because he was very useful for them. It enabled them to deal with the children, tidily disposing of

them in this way."
In a reference for Beck in 1977 when he applied to attend a course in York, the director of the county's social services department had even described him as "greatly re-spected by his staff". The hearing continues.

What the doctor won't tell

you about migraine cure

'Wee Free' churchman to face sex trial

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

ONE of Scotland's leading fundamentalist. churchmen has failed in his attempt to have six charges of sexual assault, involving five women.

Professor Donald Macleod, 55. of the Free Church of Scotland, will now face a trial in April. The case has shocked and deeply divided the Free Church, whose members are known colloquially as "the Wee Frees".

The charges relate to six incidents said to have taken place between 1985 and 1992. Professor Macleod alleged to have attempted to kiss four women and unbuttoned the blouse of another before fondling her breasts.

Yesterday, in Edinburgh's Sheriff Court, Sheriff Iain Macphail rejected a submission by Andrew Hardie, QC, Dean of the Faculty of Advocates, that the charges against Professor Macleod should be dropped because some of the alleged incidents were said to have taken place more than

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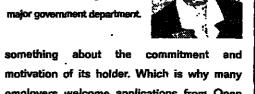
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Dr Thomas Stuttaford

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Severe or persistent migraine is not something that should be tolerated without a visit to a doctor but the occasional sufferer may well find that a couple of capsules of Midrid will be all that they need. Their doctor won't tell them but experience has shown that Midrid has another use. It is quite effective in relieving the headache of the hangover.

The milk bar king who founded an empire worth £3bn

By George Sivell

Almost 61 years ago Charles Forte, a young Italian immi-grant, opened up a solitary milk bar in London's Regent Street with £2,000 he

Charles had been brought to Britain at the age of five to join his father who opened a cafe in Glasgow then decided to go his own way in London. could scarcely have imagined

GRANADAS victory over that he would go on to build forte brought a sudden end to an empire worth £3.8 billion two generations work for the and that it could be taken family-dominated company. away from the family in a maner of weeks. By the start of the Second

World War Charles Forte was known as the Milk Bar King but when Italy entered the war he was briefly interned on the

In 1955 Forte won the cater-ing concession for the new London Airport at Heathrow and in 1900 opened Britain's first motorway service station on the newly built MI at

Self-made man ahead of the game

THROUGHOUT the takeover battle Gerry Robinson. right, has been careful to set himself apart from his adversary as a self-made man of the people. Told that Sir Rocco Forte had been shooting game when Gra-nada launched its bid last November, he replied: "I get invited to shoots all the time. I just can't stand the idea of doing it."

Renowned as a cost-cutter par excellence. Mr Robinson lost no time yesterday in announcing that some redundancies — albeit fewer than 1,000 — would be made. But he insisted that in the long run the takeover would create more



Mr Robinson, 47, studied for the priesthood before starting work at 16 as a cost clerk in a Matchbox toy factory. He later joined GrandMet, the food and drinks giant, and led a management buy-out of the catering division in 1987. In 1991 Granada persuaded him to join with a mandate

Newport Pagnell. In between times Forte bought its first London hotel, the imposing Waldorf Hotel in London's Aldwych. The Fortes might have been cast as philistine inunigrants from the catering trade but when the company was floated on the stockmarket in 1962 Forte Holdings was oversubscribed

40 times. Forte used the stockmarket listing well. He bought three top hotels in Paris, including the George V in 1968. In 1970 the company more than dou-bled its size after a successful attack on the venerable Trust Houses Group.

As the Forte success story grew the immigrant upstart caricature hurt even more and Lord Forte took great pains to explain how he was, at heart, a high-class hotelier, the best person in the world to preserve and develop the Trust House hotels, such as the Grosvenor House Hotel in London's Park Lane. However, the Grosvenor House Hotel kept its reputation as the best place in London for large banquets, serving 900 guests with main courses simultaneously, as the same time as Forte became the country's largest operator of roadside eating houses. Forte was also busy abroad.

As Trusthouse Forte it bought the Travelodge budget hotel chain in America and in 1974 opened the first overseas flight kitchen at Orly airport in Paris. In 1977 it bought the Knott Hotels Corp in America.

The company's achieve-



achievement in 1980, an honour repeated in 1985 and 1990. Forte joined in the merger and takeover boom that swept the City in the eighties. It picked up the Imperial Hotel and Catering group in 1986 after Hanson Trust successfully bid for Imperial and built up a joint venture with PepsiCo to operate Kentucky Fried Chicken takeaways in Britain. In the same year Forte took over the Happy Eater

roadside restaurants. Lord Forte's son Sir Rocco enjoyed an Oxford education and aspired to the trappings of the last bastion of Edwardian

an country English gent. But his defence of the company got off to a poor start when he was caught shooting on the North Yorkshire moors when Gerry Robinson at Granada fired his opening shot at the company last November. The Forte family now owns 7.000 acres of prime shooting land in Surrey. But the upstart immi-

grant image still persisted, indeed was probably made more endurable by the on-slaught on the Savoy Hotel

England. In the lean, mean 1990s Trusthouse Forte again followed City fashion and became simply Forte, and the hotels were reorganised into more identifiable brands.

In 1992 Forte sold its Gardner Merchant contract catering company which specialises in mass-produced meals for large factories. The proceeds were used in an effort to expand on mainland Europe.

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In the Savoy, nothing disturbs the discreet calm of the bourgeoisie

By JOE JOSEPH

THE unflappable manager of the Savoy Grill Room. Angelo Maresca, gestured at his host of regulars: "People keep asking me what the latest is. The Granada takeover is definitely what everyone is talking about

happens, I don't think the Grill Room will change. It's an institution and it's always busy. What reason would there be to change it?"

Although Forte owns about two thirds of the shares in the Savoy Group, it has never the voting shares. But the passion with which the Forte family has pursued the Savoy over the years may yet make it their most heartbreaking loss

of all among the debris of

vesterday's defeat. A long-

standing guest would scarcely

hotel has caused such heartache over the years.

The ancien regime predicted mayhem when the Fortes strengthened their grip, but the Savov remains as serene as ever. Staff are famously efficient: only Pere Sampras

serves with more speed or dash. "It's one of Rocco's favourite restaurants," Maresca boasts, "but since all this Granada business started we haven't seen him here so

Maresca has been manag-

ing this power-brokers' canteen for 14 years, making sure that politicians. City tycoons. media bigwigs and Establishment stalwarts get the table they want when they want it. It is a challenge which can require the skills of a sorcerer. He does not look like a man

too fearful of the future. "People come, people go." he smiled, "but the Grill Room stays the same." This discreet calm of the bourgeoisie hangs over the Savoy like a warm duvet. The most junior beliboy now seems familiar with the

companies up to £1 billion a year in lost equipment,

damaged software and missed business, insurers said yesterday. The Associ-ation of British Insurers puts

the cost of lost equipment at

£300 million a year, of which

only a third is insured. Companies often cannot re-

place data, while equipment

finds a ready buyer on the

Airport cab award

Peter and Irene Sykes, both

65, were awarded £90 by

Oxford County Court after a

taxi failed to arrive for a booked journey to Gatwick at

the start of their holiday. They had to take their own

car and arrived just in time. Paradise Cars of Oxford is

contesting the judgment.

RAF pilot killed

AN RAF pilot was killed when his Jaguar aircraft crashed on take-off. The single-scater attack-and-re-

connaissance plane was beginning a contine training Dight at RAF Coltishall in

Norfolk. The pilot has not been named and a board of

Footballer's trial

Nicky Butt, a Manchester United midfielder, was given

unconditional bail by the city's magistrates and sent for Crown Court trial accused of

assaulting a man in a Chinese restaurant. He is alleged

to have caused actual bodily

barm to Peter Oldbury. 25, in

Charlie Chan's last October.

inquiry has been set up.

black market.

or spat out of a conglomerate's portfolio. Staff have come to realise that as far as the foot soldiers are concerned, it probably does not make much operational difference who owns the shares.

American Bar, said: "I know that there was some deadline for the shares at one o'clock. But any more? I don't know. I will go and buy the Evening Standard now and I will find out. But the Savoy is the Savoy. Nothing is going to change. I've been working for the Savoy company for two years now. It's a very good company. The management have told us not to worry about anything." Elsewhere, too, the hotel

ues. "I've anly been here ten years," said the concierge.
Only? "Well, my predecessor
was here for 38." His gist was
that the world is out there and in here is the Savoy. "Of course, we feel sorry for Rocco. but we go on regardless." Marco, mixing drinks in the

The doorman hailing taxis for the Grill's £50-a-head functions has been there a mere 7½ years. "I haven't noticed any signs of anxiety in this hotel. The Waldorf, they might be worried."

But at the Waldorf, a haroist was soothing guests taking tea in the Palm Court, while in the main restaurant dawdling lunchers ordered a final colfee. Delegates to a Suzuki conference milled about in the foyer. "It's business as usual here," said a French waiter.

A businesslike manageress said: The hotel is full, and everybody's got a job to do. Still, it's a sad day. The end of an era. This was the first hotel the Fortes bought."

Many of the 300 staff who work at Forte's headquarters in central London were in tears but kept on working after they had heard of Granada's triumph. "Our hotels have not stopped taking guests or serving them," Rebecca Shephard, spokeswoman for the group, said. The staff were very disappointed. There have been quite a few tears today. It is the end of an era and of the Forte name. It has been a wonderful business."

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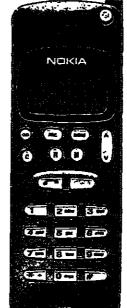


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Commuters take the Strain as trains are cut over safety fears

RATE was yesterday lonced to withdraw nearly 100 London commuter trains suspected of having metal fafigue, forcing tens of crush into half the normal number of carriages.

Some of the trains, all modern and British-built, have cracks in the couplings that hold the carriages together. Tests are being carried out on the others in the fleet of 97.

Drivers refused yesterday morning to take out any of the trains, which are operated by the South Eastern BR subsidiary, and safety inspectors said they could not be used again until they had been thoroughly checked.

South Eastern was criticised by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) for not informing inspectors that it planned to continue running ing carriage doors locked. Lew Adams, the general secretary

Yesterday's scare came as Railtrack presented its last set of audited figures before its flotation in May, insisting that safety had never been better. A £98 million pre-tax profit in the six months up to pared with £189 million in the year to March 1995. .. Results, page 26

of Aslef, the train drivers' union, said: "We are supporting the drivers because we believe that the units are unsafe. If it had been anything other than the railway industry all these trains would have been grounded."

The HSE said the suspect trains could not be used because of the risk that a carriage could become detached in the event of a

coupling snapping.
The 388 affected carriages were made by ABB of York, which has denied liability.

year. South Eastern warned commuters it would be able to provide, at best, only a Saturday service. There were no trains all day between Dartford and Victoria, Tunbridge Wells and Victoria and on the Orpington to London Bridge line.

Passengers who were able to get on trains complained of sardine-like conditions with passengers at some stations unable to squeeze into packed

400,000 lorries a year off the road and on to freight trains, riding "piggyback", has hit a problem — the railway bridges on the proposed line are too low. Railtrack is to commission a study into how the bridges can be raised, or the track lowered, for the project planned by the Piggy-back Consortium, a partnership of 40 local authorities, ferry operators and freight companies, including Eurotunnel and SNCF, the French

railway system.



Miklos Baungartner speaking yesterday about the letters of support he had received

Relief of man in clear over killing

A BUSINESSMAN spoke yesterday of his relief at learning that he was not to be prosecuted over the death of an intruder in a struggie at his

Miklos Baungartner could still face a private prosecution or a civil claim for damages from the family of the dead man, Robert Ingham, 22, but a private prosecution is likely to succeed only if new evidence comes to light.

Mr Baungarmer, 54, suffered a broken wrist in the fight and still had his arm in a sling as he and his solicitor gave their reactions yesterday to the Crown Prosecution Ser-

Mr Baungartner, whose company builds tennis courts, was "very relieved" that he would not be prosecuted. He said he had received 250 letters of support: "Letters that have been sent from around the world. Every one has touched my heart."

Mr Baungartner may be called to give evidence at Mr A soap opera fan writes . . .



"This cock-up at the Opera House certainly proves one thing: that nothing was contrived to impress the cameras. Nobody would plan this."

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Boxer meets his match in 6ft PC

PRINCE Naseem Hamed, WBO featherweight champion, came off second best in an unscheduled confrontation with a 6ft police constable yesterday.

The boxer was put in his place by the officer after reducing Helen Russell, a British Airways clerk, to tears he checked in at Manchester Airport for a

flight to Heathrow. The fighter had tried to take two pieces of hand baggage onto the aircraft. He was told by Miss Russell that only one was permitted and that one of his bags was too heavy for cabin luggage anyway. "I told



Prince Naseem: said sorry to BA staff

him the weight limit was 20kg and he said if his bag didn't get where it was supposed to be he would come back and find me," Miss Russell claimed. "No one has ever said that to me before and I have been working here for nine years."

Harned then allegedly failed to answer standard security questions about his luggage and Miss Russell contacted her supervisor, who confiscated the boxer's ticket and boarding card. He warned Hamed that he might not be allowed to travel and called police.

Hamed was warned about his conduct by the constable, the tallest that could be found in the airport. After apologising to Miss Russell and other BA staff, the boxer was given his ticket back and allowed to join the flight to Heathrow. Dee Varnam, who saw the incident, said: "Prince Naseem's attitude changed completely after he was spoken to by the policeman, who

Ann-Marie Hudson, of the promoter Frank Warren's Sports Network, which manrealised later that she didn't share his sense of humour. He apologised. It was some-thing that was blown out of all proportion."

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Fear of tomorrow turns Britons into savers and gamblers

By Leyla Linton and Russell Jenkins

BRITONS are cutting their spending, clearing their debts and putting their spare cash in the bank. Their only indul-gence is a weekly flutter on the National Lottery as they wait for better times to come, according to a survey pub-

The latest Mintel lifestyles report shows that the country is still unsettled by falling house prices, negative equity and a lack of job security. It also confirms that Britain is now a nation of gamblers.

Gambling is the fastestspending with the lottery help-

FAMILIES are increasingly

making the effort to have at least one meal together,

according to the Mintel sur-

vey. Mothers, especially, are

leading the trend towards

more traditional mealtimes.

been increasingly consumed from chairs or solas in front

of the television.

For decades meals have

The survey shows that 42

per cent now believe it is

mportant to have one meal

together each day, an in-

crease of 4 per cent on last

ing to account for a 42 per cent increase last year. More than 90 per cent of people now gamble routinely, compared with only 68 per cent a decade Emma Bresbode, the sur-

vey's project manager, said: The recession and the introduction of the National Lottery has been a factor in encouraging consumers to gamble more." She said the least well off were most likely to splash out a disproportionare amount of their earnings. More than a third of people

year. More than half of all

adults have their main meals

at table on most occasions,

compared with 38 per cent who usually watch television.

There has also been a re-

turn to traditional cooked

meals, although convenience

foods are preferred. The ten-

dency to eat less fresh meat

rose from 20 per cent in 1994

to 24 per cent last year. Fresh

In the past five years

spending on confectionery

fish is also on the decline.

rose by 27 per cent.

First-time buyers are relucquestioned said playing the lottery added excitement to tant to enter the housing market and young people between the ages of 20 and 34 are less likely to agree that The traditional family buying a home is a good financial investment. Spend-ing on insurance and pensions has increased by 24 per cent meal stages a comeback over the past decade and Mintel predicts that this trend By Leyla Linton and Russell Jenkins

> medical and education fees. Health concerns have led to an increase in the number of people going to leisure centres. Almost twice as many go more than once a week, compared with 1991, but this still amounts to just 11 per cent of the population.

will continue to increase up

until 2000, as will spending on

their Saturday nights, while only 18 per cent believed that

bother playing. People are also saving more.

Where once consumers saved

for a specific purpose — such

as buying a house, car or a

holiday - they are now saving for its own sake, amassing piles of cash. "Manufacturers.

retailers and other service providers will have to come to

terms with the emergence of a New Consumer." says the

Despite the publicity surrounding the Internet, there has been no significant increase in the number of people who say they are very interested in new technology.



The singer Lynsey de Paul and the actress Pam Ferris sit in a veal crate at the launch of the campaign to end this method of rearing calves

Scrap veal crates now, say pressure groups

By MICHAEL HORNSBY AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

ANIMAL welfare pressure groups started a Europe-wide campaign yesterday for an early ban on the "cruel and unnecessary suffering" of calves raised in veal crates.

Britain outlawed veal crates five years ago, but thousands of farmers in other European Union countries still use them to meet the big demand on the Continent for the pale meat that this rearing method alone can produce. The caives are taken from their mothers soon after birth and kept until

slaughter at six months in narrow pens in semi-darkness. Every year Britain exports about 500,000 calves to the rest of the EU. Most end up in veal crates in Holland and France, and some of the meat produced is sent back, legally, to this country for sale in shops and restaurants.

The EU's scientific veterinary committee condemned veal crates in a report last November, and the European Commission in Brussels is expected today to announce proposals to phase them out over 12 years from 1998. But animal welfare groups want the timetable accelerated. Ron Kirkby,

council chairman of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, said: To wait 12 years for calves to get a better deal is not acceptable to the RSPCA or any other animal welfare organisation. There is no reason why crates should not be banned before the end of the century."

At a ceremony in London, Pam Ferris, star of the television series The Darling Buds of May, Lynsey de Paul, the singer, and Elliot Morley, the Labour Party's spokesman on animal welfare, joined Mr Kirkby in lighting a giant candle to mark the start of the campaign. Similar candles were lit at

England and Wales and in the European Parliament in Strasbourg. The campaign is being organised in Europe by the World Society for the Protection of Animals, which has 340 member societies (220 of them in Europe) in 70 countries.

Carol McKenna, its campaigns co-ordinator, said: "Veal became a dirty word in the UK when the public learns of the misery of calves kept in crates. If the Council of Ministers fails to introduce a ban, our campaign will make sure that veal becomes a dirty word across Europe too."

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Newbury protection cost soars

By Adrian Lee

THE cost to the taxpayer of hiring hundreds of guards to protect workers on the Newbury bypass will be much

higher than expected.
The Highways Agency said yesterday that the weekly bill for private security was about £50,000 and the total would exceed the £500,000 allocated by at least E200,000, and possibly by £500,000. "Unfortunately there will be an extra burden on the taxpayer," a spokeswoman said.

The number of guards on site has risen from 250 to more than 500 and more are due to days. Although they heavily outnumber protesters, the guards have struggled to pre-vent determined efforts to stop work along the 82-mile route.

Police were called to a brawl on Monday night among about 20 of the guards, employed by Reliance Security. There were no arrests.

Villagers offer up tax to save peace

By A STAFF REPORTER

VILLAGERS in Kent have volunteered to increase their tax bills by up to £40 a year to oppose a roadside service area that would include a 400bedroom hotel, a McDonald's drive-through restaurant and a service station. The development planned

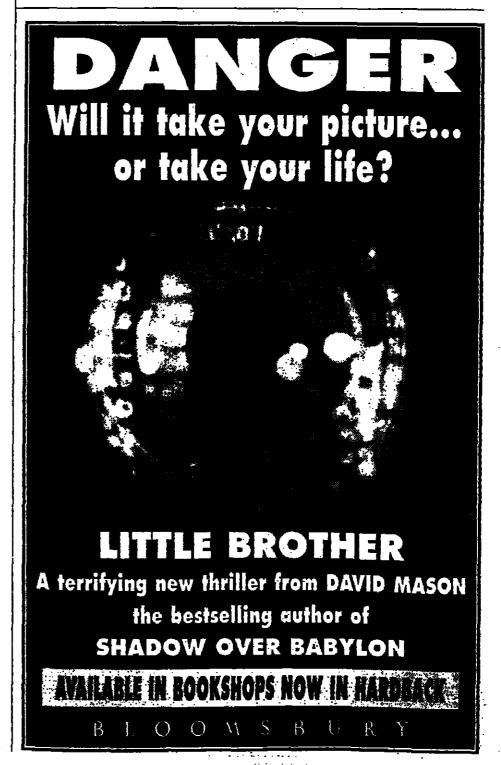
for the North Downs, south of Canterbury, has been rejected by Canterbury City Council but will go to a public inquiry later this year. Kingston par-ish council will pay for a barrister to put its case by increasing its share of the council tax from £1,200 a year

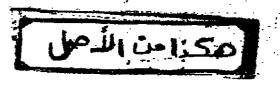
ing approved of the rise. increase of £25 each for the 200 residents and up to £40 for those in the highest tax

The legal bill is expected to be at least £15,000. The rest of the money will come from hour stopover planned by the ings, would employ up to 700 people and includes a Texaco garage, heavy goods vehicle depot and tyre bay, and a caravan park.

Objectors say that the dev-elopment would mar one of Kent's most beautiful landscapes. Five other villages are affected. The area is split in two by the A2 London to Dover road, but since the opening of the Channel Tun-nel and improved motorway connections traffic has de-

Barham Downs Action Group, said: "We can accept the dual carriageway, but this McDonald's is a step too far. The service station would be iust a short drive to either Dover or Canterbury, where there are ample garages and





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Threat of old guard defines Blair's need for Lib Dem support

ony Blair and Paddy Ashdown could happily cooperate in government, whether in coalition or, in the latest vogue term, partnership. But would their parties be so willing? That question is raised as much by Labour's turmoil over Harriet Harman as it is by Mr Ashdown's

kite flying on Monday. The Harman affair is no longer about the future education of an 11year-old, if it ever was. Nor is it even really about the future of Ms Harman, though she faces a stern test of her political character at this morning's meeting of the parlia-

mentary party and, later, during the Commons health debate. It is about Mr Blair's attempt to turn Labour into a new party. His authority is now being challenged by the forces of "old" Labour which have been largely dormant during his 18-month leadership. Ms Harman's vulnerability has provided a way of attacking the whole "new" Labour strategy. If she is forced to resign, despite the leader's support, it would be a big

defeat for the Blair camp. Labour will suffer far more with the public if it appears to be compromising over parental

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

choice. Mr Blair and Ms Harman are more in tune with the public over education than are "old" Labour defenders of the comprehensive system. The real danger to Labour is not over her decision but over the appearance of disunity. Mr Blair had his toughest Prime Minister's questions so far yesterday as John Major exploited the opposition's discomfiture. The Tories' gloating, and some usual

loutish jeering by the yobbish

David Evans, was partly relief that and Europe? It is precisely this at last they had a chance to worry that lies behind Mr Blair's counter-attack. But the shrewder Tories know it may not last. For the moment. Mr Blair has no choice but to ride out the row.

For him, far more ominous was the extent and speed of the breakdown of discipline among Labour MPs and spokesmen. Loy-alty and standing by a colleague under pressure were soon forgotten. If it is like this in opposition, what might it be like in government when Labour MPs would face far more serious tests over public spending, welfare reform

desire for a broad base of political support in government, even if Labour wins an overall majority. Even though Mr Blair is confident that many of the new MPs elected next time will be his allies, he wants to reach beyond Labour. He has said he wants to lead a government that represents two thirds of the British people. That implies an understanding, if not a deal, with the Liberal Democrats.

Hence, the significance of Mr Ashdown's Monday lecture was not so much what he said, but Mr

Blair's broad welcome for working together. His Labour predecessors would have been hostile, if not dismissive. Of course, there are many hurdles, not least over electoral change at Westminster. and both leaders tread carefully to avoid internal party rows. Mr Blair has stressed that any cooperation would have to be on Labour's terms. But Mr Ashdown's view of politics is similar to his own with its emphasis on an agreed agenda for a reforming government "robust enough to survive for at least two Parliaments", involving a partnership between parties, extensive constitutional reform and a priority for education, welfare reform and a positive role in Europe. However, as Monday's leak of an internal Liberal Democrat staff analysis showed, the party is vulnerable in several areas where its policies are much fuzzier than Mr Ashdown's proposals. Just as many Labour MPs are still not converted to Blairism, so many Liberal Democrats have yet to face up to the hard choices involved in the politics of partnership.

PETER RIDDELL

National party 'at odds with local councils'

Grammar schools fear Labour will finish them off

GRAMMAR schools fear that local authorities will try to pick them off under a Labour government, despite the national party's assurances that parents will have the final say. The Tories' poor showing in local elections has left many of the surviving 161 grammer schools in a stand-off with councils led by both Labour and Liberal Democrat mem-

bers who oppose selection. Nowhere is the uneasy truce more tense than in the Manchester borough Trafford, where the minority Labour council has made it clear that it wants to turn the

area's four grammar schools into comprehensives. Bryan Purvis, head teacher of Altrincham Grammar School for Boys, which is in Trafford borough, said he was confident that the school would survive, having fought off one closure and one merger threat in the 1980s. It opted out of council control on

Mr Purvis said: "The local

views fairly plain but we have quite a track record of defending our grammar schools here. I cannot imagine a local ballot here being in favour of abolishing them. But there seems to be some inconsistency in the attitude of of the local authority and the national

National Grammar Schools' Association is that local Labour councils may not be willing to keep selective schools even if parents say they want them.

means of examining or inter-view. Prior to doing that we Blunkett pressed

to clarify policy

By JTLL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

SENIOR Labour backbenchers are urging David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary, to spell out the party's position on Britain's remaining grammar schools. Modernising MPs fear that the furore over Harriet

Harman's decision to send her son to a selective grammar school has muddled Labour's message. The party has a long-standing policy to end selection, but last year it was revised to allow for the future of grammar schools to be determined by parents of children at nearby primary schools. They would be consulted on any plan to end selection — probably by ballot.

Parents of children already attending a grammar school will not be given a say on the ground that they will not be affected by any decision to abolish selection.

The latest policy document, agreed at last year's party conference, says: "While we have never supported grammar schools in their exclusion of children by examination. change can only come through local agreement. Such change in the character of the school would only follow a clear demonstration of support from the parents

affected by the decision." Most interpreted the new phrase as a softening of opposition to selection, but Mr Blunkett confused the message by saying in his conference speech: "Watch my lips, no selection, no interviews." His tough language was aimed at ensuring party backing for a new policy on grant-maintained schools. but the phrase has been seized on by Labour leftwingers criticising Ms Harman. Her

decision has prompted some modernisers to call for a further softening in the par-ty's line. Several MPs argue that it is untenable to support choice, but oppose selection.

By DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT would want to consult with parents, and we would need the Secretary of State's approvai." The changing colour of local government since 1993 has brought other rifts between councils and grammar schools and helps to explain why more party."
The private fear of the than 100 have opted for grantmaintained status. Opting out removes a local authority's

> Dave Acton, the Labour education chairman, said that the council would take notice of parents' views. "We are opposed to selection and once we get a Labour government we would want to put a plan together to phase out selection. We do not mind what the schools are called — they could retain the name grammar. What we are concerned about is that no child should be excluded from any school by

The National Grammar Schools' Association expects a series of battles against coun-cils and is taking legal advice on defending its members, although it took heart from a Harris poll this week which showed that 54 per cent of parents wanted a return to the

control over admissions to the

However, this has not

stopped former Tory councils

from making trouble for

grant-maintained selective

schools. Essex, now run by

Labour with the Liberal Dem-

ocrats, has withdrawn its sub-

sidy from children using

buses to travel to a grammar

school. Lincolnshire County

Council refused to run the 11-

plus testing system for gram-mar school entry and the schools now administer it

school.

The safest place for a selective school is probably Buckinghamshire, the last remaining Conservative shire county, which has 14 grammar schools. The main concentration is in Kent, which has 43 grammar schools, followed by Lincolnshire, which has 17. There are six in Birmingham, six in Gloucestershire, five in Essex and four in Lancashire.

Head teachers say that Labour policy raises as many questions as it answers Martyn Morris, head of Bacup and Rawtenstall Grammar in Waterfoot, Lancashire, said: "Five hundred young-sters apply to come to this school and we can take 150. If they say we are not allowed to select, how are we going to choose between those 500? If they go for a small circle catchment area around the school, it will have significant social repercussions because you are not going to get the mix of students unless the housing is mixed."

> Simon Jenkins, page 16 Letters, page 17



Gilmour accuses Tory Left of failure to halt extremism

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

of the most prominent "wets" denounced left-wing Tories for being ineffective and failing to stop Britain becoming Europe's most right-wing

ter says in an article in the February edition of Prospect. the new political monthly, that both Labour and the Liberal Democrats "show signs of being closer to One Nation Toryism than does Major's Government". Lord Gilmour writes that

The former Cabinet minis-

LORD GILMOUR of Craig- Britain has become "easily millar, as Sir Ian Gilmour one the most right-wing country in Western Europe, somethe Thatcher era, has thing which it has never been

before in its history.

One Nation Tories remained remarkably passive while the Government became "in many ways more extreme than Lady Thatcher's had ever been". He blames many of those on the Left of the party for failing to wake up to the fact that they had been outplayed by right-wing Conservatives and for showing "astonishing" quiescence. Looking ahead to the possi-

bility of defeat in the general

election, he predicts that an opposition Tory party led by Michael Portillo will be ruled by a nationalism that will be stridently offensive to our European partners". Lord Gilmour, who was

sacked as Lord Privy Seal in 1981, dismisses the Right's claim that the presence of leftwing Cabinet ministers indicates the influence of the Left. Ministers such as Gillian Shephard, Kenneth Clarke, William Waldegrave and Sir George Young, had introduced right-wing policies ranging from rail privatisation to tax cuts, he says.

NEC told to rethink ballot decision

By James Landale POLITICAL REPORTER

ROW over allegations of ballot-rigging that has split Labour activists in Swindon was sent back to the party's National Executive Committee by a High Court judge

yesterday.

Sir John Vinelott said that the NEC should compile a new report on events surrounding the selection of Michael Wills, a Londonbased TV producer, as the parliamentary candidate for Swindon North.

James D'Avila, a local councillor and union official who failed to win selection, claims that the ballot was rigged and is seeking an injunction to prevent the NEC from endorsing Mr Wills.

The row exposes the growing differences between old and new Labour. Many activists resent attempts by Labour chiefs to impose Blairite candidates.

The judge agreed to Labour's proposal that the NEC should decide how best to resolve the conflict and report back to the court in March. However, he did not accept an initial report by Peter Coleman, Labour's director of Development and Organisation, which rejected a proposed repeat ballot and recommended that the NEC select a new candidate itself.

The row began after serious procedural flaws were discovered when Mr Wills, a special adviser to Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, beat Mr D'Avila by 114 votes to 84 last September. Labour chiefs agree that the selection cannot stand but argue that another ballot would be unnecessarily divisive. Yesterday the party agreed to compile a new report on the options open to the NEC and Sir John adjourned

the case until March 6. Mr D'Avila said after the hearing that he was sad to have had to resort to legal action and did not want to embarrass the party, but he added: "It has been worth it."



Gorman: says Labour

Brussels blighting **British** life'

By ALICE THOMSON

THE eight former Whipless Tory rebels yesterday launched their alternative to the Government's promised White Paper on this year's conference on the European Union.

Their document, called Dire Directives, calls for the scrapping of "undemocratic" Brussels directives. They list 18 that they say have blighted British life in areas such as meat hygiene, waste disposal and metrication.

A directive aimed at thwarting money laundering is said to have made it virtually impossible for grandparents to open small bank savings accounts for their grandchildren. "This blizzard of directives has got to be stopped," Christopher Gill

(Ludlow) said. The rebels praised John Major for his decision to publish a White Paper and to resist subjecting Britain to a 'cascade of propaganda" on the single currency. Teresa Gorman (Billericay) said that the White Paper meant that Mr Major had a "golden opportunity to distinguish us from the Labour Party. who are going to cave into Europe hook, line and sinker".

But Tom Spencer, a Tory MEP, described the rebels' document as "a recycling of myths" about Brussels. "I hope it gets a resounding and long lasting yawn."

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IN PARLIAMENT

YESTERDAY in the Commons: questions to Social Security ministers and the Prime Minister, debate on the Finance Bill, committee, in the Lords: Fernity Law Bill, committee, Potato Marketing Scheme (Commencement of Revocation) Order 1995.

of Revocation) Order 1995.
TODAY in the Commons: backbench debetes will be followed this afternoon by education and employment questions and a Labour-infinited debate on the National Health Service. In the Lords: opportunities in the proposed free trade area of the Americas; motor sport industry; Companies Act (Miscollaneous Accounting Amendments) Reguiations; Financial Services Act (Investment Services) (Extension of Scope of Act) Order.

Claims go to watchdog

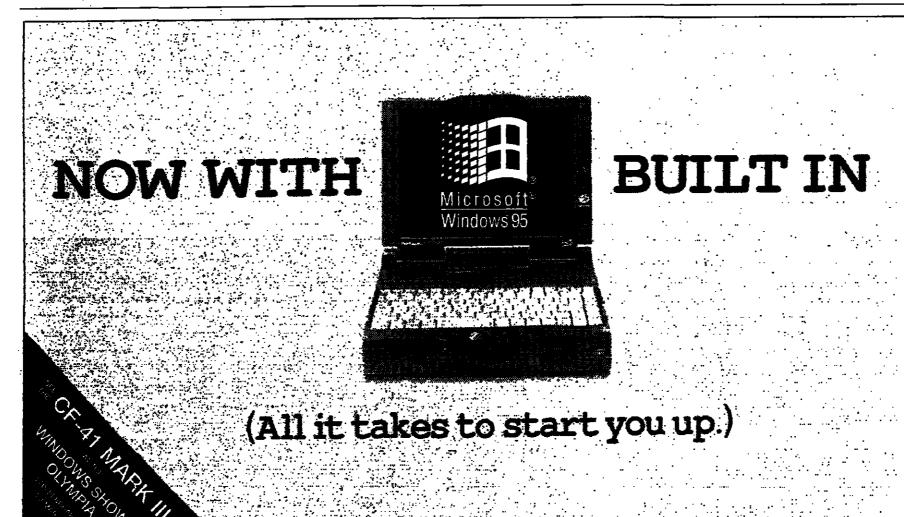
SERIOUS allegations against ministers and Tory MPs by Mohamed Al Fayed are to be referred to the new Commons disciplinary committee (Arthur Leathley writes).

Mr Al Fayed, the owner of Harrods and the Ritz, Paris, made a string of written accusations, including that an MP asked him for a £60,000 payment, to the Commons Privileges Committee last

agreed yesterday to delete most of his claims from an official report but to pass them to the Standards and Privileges Committee for possible

further investigation. Mr Al Fayed made the allegations in evidence over The Guardian's use of a bogus fax to the hotel purport-edly from Jonathan Aitken, the former Cabinet minister.





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Import duties fiasco leads to sobering times for Ukraine's café society

ON THE streets of Kiev, kiosks no longer sell Western-brand eigarettes, stores are running out of favourite liquors and hars are cutting back on cocktails.

The dwindling supply of Western alcohol and cigarettes will be a sobering experience for many. Ukrainian companies halted imports on January I and vowed not to bring in Western spirits unless the country overhauls customs and excise policies. For a nation growing used to its Beeleaters and taurants can survive by switching Baileys — and for British exporters to domestic drinks, but small cafes counting on a burgeoning market - the move means millions of dollars in lost business and tax revenue, not to mention millions of

unhappy Ukrainians. Already the halt on alcohol imports is wreaking havoc in small cafes, bars and restaurants. "We used to have eight pages of liquor menu. Now we only have one," said Volodymyr Reyumov, manager of Kiev's Owl nightclub. "Only the mafia and rackeeters win with these manoeuvrings in taxes." Resand bars that depend on a wide range of liquor are not likely to weather this rationing.

The shortages stem from an honest, but bungled, attempt by the state to retrieve lost taxes on cigarette and alcohol sales. A presidential decree last September ordered that by October all imports on alcohol and cigarettes would be subject to new excise taxes. Proof of payment by importers was to be a special excise stamp put on each bottle and pack. The decree ordered

Dangerously weak. M

Juppé has also been subjected

to mounting attacks from

within the ruling coalition,

particularly from supporters

of Edouard Balladur, the for-

mer Prime Minister, while

anti-Maastricht campaigners

have proposed constitutional

amendments to protect the

sovereignty of France, includ-

ing the statement that the

franc is the currency of the

As the economic situation

has deteriorated, M Seguin has stepped up his condemna-

tion of Maastricht, Last week

he accused the treaty's fram-

ers of "historic stupidity". At

the same time, in an attempt to

tone down his reputation as an

uncompromising anti-Euro-pean, M Seguin has recently

limited his criticism to the

methods by which monetary

union should be implemented.

To replace M Juppe with M

Seguin would nonetheless sig-

nal an important shift in

emphasis by the Chirac Gov-ernment, which has made

deficit reduction and the

march to Maastricht a priori-

ty. But the Speaker may be the

only man with sufficient clout to hold the ruling coalition

together in the run-up to the

do it if Juppé goes." one presidential confidant said.

the Speaker has been quietly

building up his power base by

putting out feelers to other

partners in the ruling

M Séguin was photographed

chanting with striking train

drivers in what was plainly

intended as a direct criticism

dislike each other, could hard-

ly be more different. Where M

Juppé is intense, efficient and

almost wholly lacking in cha-

risma. M Seguin is an extro-

vert of great bonhomie and

With his drooping cheeks

and mournful eyes, M Séguin

is often compared to a blood-

hound, in both looks and

tenacity. The Speaker plainly

scents blood in the air, and

many observers predict that

within months he will be

living the "dog's life" he pro-

fesses not to want.

charm, as well as cunning.

The two men, who cordially

of M Juppé's policies.

In addition to a loyal bloc of Séguinists in parliament,

"I cannot see who else could

1998 legislative elections.

not the notion itself.

French republic.

the Cabinet to issue detailed instructions on compliance within two weeks and designated September 15 as a cut-off date for sales of

products without stamps. But the tax inspectorate of Ukraine began to print and sell stamps to importers only on October 20, five days after the decree took effect. Making matters worse, the Cabinet belatedly issued instructions only two days before the cut-off date. At that point, all previous imports had yet to be stamped. New imports, too, would require stamps.

"In Russia, importers got three months to comply, but in Ukraine we were five days late before we even started. Stamps were not around and already we were forbidden to sell what we had imported," says Valentin Kobilyanski, vice-president of MDM Ukraine, a subsidiary of a Canadian-Ukrainian joint venture.

If the excise stamp fiasco merely delayed imports, changes to the tax regime created a bigger mess. The same belated Cabinet directive altered two essential principles in import duties. Instead of that

percentage customs duty of 50 per cent, the rate became a fixed percentage of 7.2 ecu (£5.83) per litre of alcohol - at which point the customs duty jumped eightfold because a similar scheme was not applied in excise taxes.

A squabble between two branches of government has thwarted any resolution. The Cabinet is only empowered to alter customs duties; the right to amend excise policies belongs to the Supreme Soviet. The national legislature has refused to adopt a

arrest of are being asked to pay \$24 (EIS) for every dollar's worth of liquor they bring in, and buyers would face a store price of about \$30 a bottle. "At that price no one is going to buy, so everyone stopped importing liquor," said Yuri Yamshanov, a tax

specialist with MDM. The irony is that the Government is rapidly losing the money it tried to retrieve in the first place. According to World Bank calculations, yearly government budget losses in revenue from the current tax scheme will total \$90 million.

Maastricht critic Séguin prepares to replace Juppé

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

PHILIPPE SEGUIN, Speaker for a single European currenof the National Assembly, has insisted in recent weeks that he does not want to be Prime Minister, while discreetly manoeuvring himself into a position to take over the job.

"It is too early." he commented this week, when quizzed on his ambitions. Being a Prime Minister, that is a dog's life . . . I do not think about that all the time."

The incumbent, Alain Juppė, appears increasingly vulnerable as he struggles to salvage what remains of his welfare reform plans, and M Seguin is plainly thinking of little else as he hovers in the

The prospect that President Chirac may replace M Juppe with M Seguin, an outspoken critic of the Maastricht treaty. has added fresh fuel to the debate over the single European currency.

Even Jacques Delors, the former European Commission president, has acknowledged that economic slowdowns in France and Germany have cast the EMU schedule into doubt.

M Juppé has been criticised for his aloof and technocratic approach to government. His efforts to overhaul the wellare system, reduce the deficit and ensure that France qualifies

Jacques Delors returned to

Brussels yesterday and

sounded the alarm over mon-

etary union, which he said

inevitable decline.

was vital to save Europe from

M Delors delivered his

homily on the urgency of

deeper political union at the

conference being staged by

the Commission to launch the

publicity campaign for the

euro, the currency scheduled

to be created in three years.

The contrast between the

grand Delors rhetoric and the

low-key discourse of Mr.

Santer snoke volumes for the

revolution in style which the

stolid Luxembourger has

wrought in his first year in

M Delors lamented the

wave of doubt that had

emerged across the Continent

Delors raises alarm

From Charles Bremner in Brussels

A YEAR after he handed over over the merits of economic

to Jacques Santer as President and monetary union (EMU)

cy provoked the worst strikes since 1968, from which his Government is still feeling the

The Prime Minister survived the industrial unrest by offering key concessions to the strikers and gradually many of the elements in his reform plan have been stripped away. A new tax to reimburse the social security debt is still on track, but most recently the Government offered concessions to doctors angered at proposed health cuts and agreed to scrap plans to tax family allowances.



Séguin: bloodhound seeking a dog's life

There was too much talk of

the technical means and not

enough of the political union

which EMU was designed to

Europe ... Our responsibility

is more than ever to remind

people of the historic stakes in

play for the European nations

which are threatened ... by

political and economic de-

cline". M Delors remained

sure that EMU would be born

on its January 1999 deadline,

despite all the present pessi-

mism and qualms across Eu-

also called for EMU to be

accompanied by an "econom-

ic government" for Europe.

was taking an implicit swipe

at the emollient leadership

practised by Mr Santer.

The former President, who

rope's political spectrum.

The times are difficult for

ensure. he said.

Hope high as Kohl kicks off iobs talks

FROM ROGER BOYES

AN AMBITIOUS meeting of German politicians, employers and union leaders began last night under the chairman-ship of Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, in an attempt to generate jobs and sharpen competitiveness.

Expectations were high before the closed-door session. with Hans Olaf Henkel, the head of the Confederation of German Industry, calling for the "creation of two million more jobs by the year 2000" well beyond the trade union blueprint. Klaus Zwickel, chief of the powerful engineering and metalworkers' union, has proposed an "Alliance for Work", in which unions promise to keep down wage claims in return for 300,000 new jobs over three years.

Both men seemed unreasonably optimistic, and sober economic experts said that, whatever catalogue of measures was eventually accepted. push the total level of unemployment some way below the present four million.

There were two problems confronting Herr Kohl as he presented a list of some 50 possible measures. The first is that the huge unemployment figure - set to reach 10 per cent of the workforce this year. excluding over one million Germans on various government training schemes - has coincided with a crisis in

welfare state financing. The need to meet the European monetary union convergence criteria has concentrated the minds of the Government on the need for cuts in social spending. But almost all the Government's involve more spending, or the shattering of economic and social taboos. The enormous

cost of rebuilding eastern Germany continues to complicate calculations. The second problem is the Chancellor's thin ten-seat parliamentary majority. He is politically more vulnerable than at any previous time in his 13 years in power. Yet any bold steps towards reviving the German economy requires

some form of political confrontation. Even apparently harmless suggestions, such as extending shopping hours, immediately prompt bickering within the Government. Disagreement was thus programmed in advance, and cracks in the trade unions strategy were also Leading article, page 17 | starting to become apparent.



Claudia Schiffer models a redingote bridal gown designed by Karl Lagerfeld

Whiff of the past for Chanel

By Ian R. Webb

KARL LAGERFELD yesterday unveiled his collection for the House of Chanel in the intimate Ritz Hotel apartments which were for years the home of Coco Chanel.

Lagerfeld called his collection a "Love Story 25 years later ... and the 300 guests. who touched the dresses as they went by, admired outfits shown by supermodels Claudia Schiffer. Kate Moss. Naomi Campbell, Nadja Auermann, and the new face of Chanel, British aristocrat Stella Tenant.

His new look was inspired by Coco Chanel's designs from her heyday on the eve of the Second World War which Lagerfeld described as "frivolity in the face of danger".

For day, a long, lean silhouette in black, navy and cream highlighted with sorbet shades of raspberry pink and soft apricot. Jackets hugged the body while skirts kicked out like an upturned cham-pagne flute. This was Lagerfeld at his most minimal. Apart from the occasional brooch or gold belt, the only decorations were feathers in

the model's hair. For evening there were plenty of black chiffon ruffles and yet more feathers, but Lagerfeld also introduced a little razzmatazz with three colourful dresses, in red, purple and sky blue, so heavily embroidered with trinkets and beads that they rattled as the models walked through

An updated version of Chanel's cream edge-to-edge suit with the familiar black outline (now cut in mother of pearl and jet sequin paillettes with a hemline sweeping the floor) was the perfect tribute to the couturier's memory. It was also a glorious triumph for Lagerfeld.

Euro in need of catwalk glamour

HELMUT KOHL is keen to recruit the supermodel Claudia Schiffer as a champion of the single European currency in an attempt to make the euro more attractive to Germans. That, at any rate, is what the Chancellor is reported to have told his adviser.

The European Commission announced this week that only 34 to 38 per cent of Germans favour the single currency. The Chancellor has a lot of persuading to do and his advertising resources are meagre: barely DM15 million (£6.7 million) have been set aside not even enough for a series of television commercials, and compares badly with the cost

of launching a new yoghurt. Schiffer, the blonde model from Düsseldorf, is supposed to be the answer. Government officials denied yesterday there were plans to put her face on euro coins, but the idea is that she will be one of the more visible parts of the

campaign.
The Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung approved; who better, it asked, to represent the "new euro - a slimmed-down currency for a belt-tightening

Certainly Schiffer was a better choice than Steffi Graf, the tennis player who is involved in a scandal over tax evasion. "Our Steffi still needs a hit more training in money matters. Claudia is simply better. She is, after all, engaged to be married to a magician [David Copper-field]," the newspaper said. Some conjuring might well be needed, it suggested, if Germans are to begin to believe in an entirely fictional currency.

Schiffer's personal views on She has said she does not share the opinion of a fellow model who refused to get out of bed for less than \$10,000. But would Schiffer get out of bed for a euro? She was busy yesterday on the Paris catwalks and unavailable for comment. A fashion journalist, with links to the model. said Schiffer had never made a public political statement "I imagine she is in favour of the euro as long she is paid

enough of them." Although naming the new coinage euro was largely a German initiative, there is a lack of enthusiasm about it. Helmut Schmidt, the former Chancellor, who supports the new currency, refused an invitation to attend a Brussels brainstorming session on how to present the product.

Brink: challenging for

Balloonist evades Fokker fall-out

By OLIVER AUGUST

A DUTCH balloonist preparing to join the race around the world has been forced to rescue his craft from the fallout of the Fokker financial collapse.

Henk Brink, who will be competing

with Richard Branson for the record, had been using Fokker facilities at Amsterdam's Schiphol airport to put the final touches to the pressurised capsule of his "Unicef Flyer", a combined helium and hot air balloon. Mr Brink has retrieved his balloon from the Fokker hangar. fearing that closure of the company would mean the death of his ambition.

A spokesman said: "Fokker is in a very

dramatic situation. If it comes to a closure of the factory, maybe due to legal procedures it would have been very

difficult to get the capsule out." Fokker's majority shareholder. Daimler Benz, indicated this week it would no longer support the loss-making company. which for the past five years had been helping Mr Brink to build his 200ft balloon and was one of the main sponsors of his project. He moved it to a hangar owned by KLM, the Dutch airline, and intends to transport it to Nijmegen on Friday for the launch, which has been postponed repeatedly because of strong

Fokker's founder. Anthony Fokker, fled

to his native Holland days after the end of the First World War in 1918, fearing for his life as revolutionary unrest gripped defeated Germany. With him he took 20 of the latest Fokker DVIIs, remembered as the finest single-seat fighters of the

Fokker rebuilt his aerospace company in the same set of hangars in Amsterdam from which Mr Brink has now removed his balloon. The hangars are presently also being used to store some of Fokkers' greatest planes, including one of the triplanes flown by Manfred von Richthofen, "the Red Baron", the top German fighter "ace" of the First World

Yeltsin demands club rights

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin yesterday appealed to the Council of Europe to approve Russia's membership in spite of mounting criticism of the country's human rights record

in Chechenia. In a blunt message to the 36nation group, which is due to decide on Moscow's applica-tion tomorrow, Russia's leader insisted his Government respected human rights and gave a warning that rejection would be tantamount to supporting the Chechen rebels.

"In a broader context, this will be interpreted as a refusal to back those who are fighting to reassert democratic principles and institutions in Russia," the Kremlin leader added in his letter.

Russia applied to join the Strasbourg-based organisation, which promotes democracy and human rights in Europe, in May 1992. Its application was frozen last year after its bloody assault on Chechenia, which is estimated

to have cost 20,000 lives Although much international criticism had died down, Mr Yeltsin faces new protests over his heavy-handed tactics in dealing with the Chechen hostage crisis earlier this month and a purge of his administration's last liberal

members. Some leading states are expected to support Russia's application. Herve de Charette, the French Foreign Minister, said after meeting Mr Yelisin this week that Russia should be accepted.

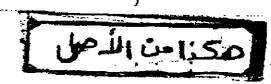
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Film revives demand for arrest of 'bandit queen'

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

A FILM called Bandit Queen. about India's most famous outlaw, is about to open in Delhi, where the low-caste, illiterate former gang leader lives in the suburbs with her new husband. The film has reawakened the anger of highcaste Thakurs she supposedly slaughtered, and she could soon be rearrested.

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Phoolan Devi, released on parole two years ago, is con-templating a political career: she is the darling of the nation's Untouchables more usually described as Dalits, meaning the oppressed

- who comprise almost a quarter of the population. She is seeking to assume the leadership of Dalits in Uttar Pradesh, which has a popula-tion of 120 million and is the country's most politically in-

Her arrest would cause an outcry among low-castes, who are increasingly assertive and politically aware. The supreme court has issued notices

inquiring why her parole should not be cancelled. This followed a ruling by a lower court overturning a decision by the Uttar Pradesh state government to withdraw all charges against her.

She has never faced trial, but was held in prison for 11 years because of political pressure from the powerful



An actress wields a rifle in the film as Miss Devi

Pradesh, who want her hanged. Miss Devi is alleged to have shot 20 of them 15 years ago in what has often been described as a revenge attack after she was gangraped. Her rape is a central event in the new film, which had its premiere last week at

She joined the film's maker, Shekhar Kapoor, on the stage. to loud applause. Dressed in a silk sari and wearing flowers in her hair she looked anything but a dacoit, or bandit. Mr Kapoor left before the screening because he said he could not bear to watch what was left of the film after the censors had cut many scenes. He invited the audience to stand up in a symbolic objection to censorship: not a

the Indian Film Festival in

single person in the packed auditorium remained seated. Mr Kapoor said the censors had deleted scenes that revealed that casteism and fe-

tioned by [Hindu] religion. The censors also removed swear words, which he said were important because they demonstrated Miss Devi's early rebelliousness.

Miss Devi has been touring Uttar Pradesh to test the political waters and has drawn huge crowds. Thakurs are outraged: they have erected a stone memorial in the hamlet where her gang supposedly massacred members of their community and have stenned up their campaign to have her arrested again. The former bandit was re-

leased from jail essentially because it played well among low-caste voters. She says her exploits have been exaggerated and that she never even knew how to fire a gun. The image of her carrying a

rifle when she gave herself up to police in the early 1980s. however, is the one that sticks. and Thakur leaders say they will not rest until she is dead.



Miss Devi, alleged to have shot 20 men, says she never knew how to fire a gun

Unicef to study China's orphans

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

UNICEF is going to conduct a three-year survey of China's orphanages during which it will train workers and help to set new management stan-dards. The announcement groups claimed orphans are systematically neglected and

starved to death. Unicef said it will work with the Chinese Government to identify those orphanages most at risk and help to improve rehabilitation programmes for physically dis-abled children. In all. \$850,000 (£560,000) is

While co-operating with Unicef. China yesterday arrested two human rights activists over "dying rooms" allegations.

One man, held for two days and accused of trying to overthrow the Government. has been released but is under of Dr Zhang Shuyun, the woman doctor who highlighted the scandal.

Spanish minister puts EMU in doubt

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

A SERIOUS crack appeared yesterday in the effort to keep a united front on the timetable for European monetary union (EMU) when Carlos Westendorp the Spanish Foreign Minister, suggested delaying the project if all the main European states were not

ready to join. He said it would be illadvised to proceed with the January 1999 launch of EMU if Spain, Britain and Italy were not among the founding states. He suggested "stopping the clock", the technique often used in European Union negotiations, to push back

Although opposition politicians and commentators across Europe are talking of a delay in the face of the current economic downturn, Señor Westendorp's remarks to reporters in Madrid breached the tacit agreement among European leaders to remain publicly confident on the fate of EMU Although Goran Persson, the Swedish Finance Minister, made similar remarks on Monday, Señor Westendorp's statement carries weight because of the authority he acquired as chairman of the so-called Reflection Group, the team which prepared the ground for the forthcoming review of the Maastricht treaty.

Señor Westendorp speaking privately to the journalists, one of whom reported his remarks to the Spanish news agency. It was therefore not intended to be a public statement challenging the current doctrine, but will nonetheless be highly unwelcome in Brussels.

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Prostitutes to share £122,000 from EC

By Charles Bremner

PROSTITUTES in Austria and Spain will benefit from the largesse of the European Commission under a scheme to hand out £4.8 million to combat "social exclusion".

The Commission chose prostitutes' welfare schemes in Vienna and Bilbao among 86 successful applicants. In all, 2.000 applications were made for grants as part of the annual social programme. Some £122,000 will go to

the two welfare programmes, which seek to help the women, through counselling and other means, to get away from prostitution and find work.

The women qualified for help as victims of exclusion and poverty, said the spokes-woman for Padraig Flynn, the Social Affairs Commissioner. There has been very vigorous selection. It is not a question of handing money over to these people as individuals.

"The Commission will stay in close contact with the beneficiaries as they put their plans into action," a Brussels executive statement said. Most of the grants will go to help drug addicts, the unemployed and "marginalised" young, battered women and elderly people. Britain and Germany field-

ed 400 applications each for the grants, the highest number in the European Union. Among nine projects receiv-ing grants in Britain are the Norfolk Adult Education Service and Glasgow University. Nine projects in Ireland

given awards under the guidance of the Irish Commissioner include the Schizophrenia Society of Ireland.

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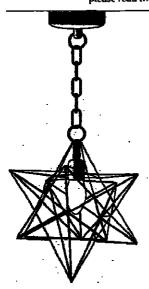
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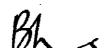
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Assassin tells court he killed Rabin to obey Jewish law

YIGAL AMIR. a 25-year-old right-wing Jewish law student, yesterday admitted in a Tel Aviv court that he assassinated Yitzhak Rabin at a peace rally on November 4 last year. He said that he had no regrets and boasted that he had shot the Prime Minister "for the

In a four-hour court appearance, Mr Amir cited a Jewish law that says an "oppressor" can be killed to save lives. Some religious Jews, notably those living in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, applied the "oppressor" title to Rabin because they said his policy of peace with the Palestinians led to deadly suicide attacks on Jewish targets by Islamic militants and the handing over part of the biblical land of Israel to the Arabs. Mr Amir stood up at one point and announced: Everything I did, I did for the glory of God."

Legal experts observing the hearing predicted that he would receive the mandatory life sentence for the killing when a verdict is handed down. He is living in a special isolation cell in a southern Israeli prison constructed in an attempt to save him from what officials believe are inevitable revenge attacks by fel-

low inmates. Hours before the hearing, Yediot Aharonot, the Israeli newspaper, published extracts from Mr Amir's interrogation by the Shin Bet internal security service and an account of lie detector tests which showed that there was a possibility he was hiding names of other Jews involved in the killing. According to the transcript Mr Amir, a graduate of two Jewish seminaries, told his

interrogators that the religious law under which Rabin was regarded as an "oppressor" was equivalent to a biblical commandment.

"If I was conquering the land now, I would have to kill babies and children as it is stage one of his sisters. Hadas, written in [the book of] Joshua. I would do it with no moral problem, despite the fact that in retrospect it seems like a moral problem, because it is a commandment," he is reported to have said.

During the interrogation, Mr Amir is also said to have spoken about his admiration for Baruch Goldstein, the Jewish settler from New York who killed 29 Palestinian worshippers in a Hebron mosque in 1994. He is reported to have said that when flirting with girls, he usually asked them first what they thought of Goldstein. To get to know a person I usually ask one question: "What do you think about Baruch Goldstein?

Mr Amir responded swiftly: "No". His main defence lawyer, Jonathan Ray Goldberg, a Jewish settler who emigrated to the occupied West Bank from Texas several years ago, said that he had not wished Mr Amir to make the lengthy statement to the court. Mr Goldberg added that he had asked his client to enter a "not guilty" pica. Mordechai Offri, Mr Amir's

second defence lawyer, told the judge that he wanted to resign from the case because he had been marginalised. Judge Levy responded that it was up to the court to decide whether he could do so, and asked him to be present at the next hearing on Sunday, when the first prosecution witnesses will give evidence.

Amir reportedly told the Shin

Bet questioners, one of whom

described his method of flirt-

ing as "The Goldstein Test".

brought into court yesterday. he smiled briefly and at one

was asked to leave the crowd-

ed courtroom for talking dur-ing the proceedings. In his statement, the self-confessed

assassin contradicted himself

At one point he said he

would have settled for remov-

ing Rabin from office by

severely injuring him. Later he said that after firing the

first shot, he fired twice more

with bullets specially modified by his brother, Hagai, to make

sure the Prime Minister would

die. "I did not want to leave

any chance that he would stay

alive as Prime Minister," Mr

Amir told the court.

When asked by Judge Edmond Levy whether he now

regretted shooting Mr Rabin,

several times.

When Mr Amir was



Amir: he shot victim "for the glory of God"

Amira Yassein and Muhammad Yassein, both eight, at their engagement party in Aqaba, Jordan. According to local newspapers such a public ceremony is unprecedented in the town but private ones are not unknown

snubbed by Abacha

GENERAL SANI ABACHA, the head of the Nigerian military Government, has refused to meet a five-man Commonwealth delegation urging a return to democracy. Nigeria was suspended from Commonwealth mem-

bership after executing Ogoni activists and violating human and civil rights. The Commonwealth resolved to send a delegation of senior foreign ministers to set out for General Abacha the conditions for an end to the suspension and warn him of tougher sanctions if he failed to act. The delegation, chaired by Nathan Shamuyaria of Zim-

date for a meeting with General Abacha, but has been rebuffed. No new date has been set and negotiations have reached a stalemate. The chief opponent of the mission is Tom Ikimi. the Nigerian Foreign Minister, who is still furious at being ostracised during the Auck-

babwe, has twice tried to set a

Envoys are | Venezuela sees oil deal as path back to prosperity

FROM GABRIELLA GAMINI IN CARACAS

INTERNATIONAL oil com-` panies have promised millions of dollars to rejuvenate Venezuela's ailing oil industry and have bought profit-sharing contracts for rich reserves from the Government.

Venezuela is Opec's thirdlargest oil producer, with a capacity of 2.9 million barrels a day, but its potential has never been fully exploited by the state-owned company, which has so far controlled the reserves. The return of foreign oil companies to the country, 20 years after the petroleum industry was nationalised, coincides with the thirty-eighth anniversary of Venezuelan democracy and is expected to breathe new life into the country's battered economy,

demoralised by high inflation. Mobil from America led a group of three companies which clinched the contract to exploit the attractive La Ceiba block near Lake Maracaibo. while Dupont, another American-owned company, secured the Gulf of Paria West block, eastern coast in the Caribbe- its proximity to the United least stable economy.

an, Mobil led a consortium that also included Veba Oel of Germany and Japan's Nippon

The contacts will give the

companies 50 per cent of the

profits, while the other half remains in government hands. The contracts stipulate a minimum investment of \$60 million (£38 million) per block. "This may mean the beginning of the end of the nation's

financial crisis," said Edwin Arrieta, Minister for Energy and Mines, announcing the privatisation. The Government will also this week officially launch a five-day tender for ten other

blocks around the country, opening the door for oil companies to exploit the shores of the Orinoco River. We expect to be here for a long time," said Ronald Wil-son, president of Mobil's Latin America business venture de-

partment. The so-called "oil opening" is expected to boost crude oil production by at least 500,000 barrels a day by 2005.

important to trading and invesiment between North and South America. But the country's volatile political situation, exacerbated by government corruption scandals, and inflation of 70 per cent a month, have produced an economic crisis.

States, Venezuela has become

Venezuelans are hoping for a return to the oil boom of the 1970s, when their country was the richest in South America. Things took a downward turn when oil prices crashed in the early 1980s.

The oil industry was nationalised in 1976, through a state-holding company Petroleos de Venezuela, and profits were milked as corruption became rife. The poor were given food subsidies and cheap transport, while banks offered special exchange rate deals, until public coffers were

Despite its oil income, Venezuela had to borrow heavily from international banks to pay its bills, with the result

Massacre trial for ex-leaders

Seoul: South Korean prosecu-tors charged ex-Presidents Roh Tae Woo and Chun Doo Hwan yesterday with sedition over the 1980 army massacre of pro-democracy activists in

Kwangju.
The brutal quelling of the uprising against military rule in the southwestern city is one of the most traumatic chapters in South Korean history.

The two aiready face mutiny charges over the 1979 coup that propelled them to power. They also face corruption charges for amassing hun-dreds of millions of dollars during their rule. (Reuter)

Ciller offers to share top post

Ankara: Tansu Ciller, Turkey's caretaker Prime Minister, offered to share the premiership with a rival party leader, an apparent break-through in tough bargaining for the formation of a conser-

vative coalition. "I offered Mr Yilmaz a rotating premiership." Mrs Ciller said at a joint news conference with Mesut Yilmaz, the Motherland party leader. But he objected to Mrs Ciller's insistence that she be Prime Minister first. (Reuter)

Colombia leader denies drug link

Bogotá: President Samper's future appeared in serious jeopardy after Fernando Botero, the jailed chief of his 1994 campaign, said on tele-vision that the leader knew his election bid was funded by the

Cali drug cartel. Troops patrolled Bogota as President Samper, who has been plagued by the allegations, went on Colombian national television to deny the 'slanderous statements". *(AP)*

Muslim leader's travel ban lifted

An Egyptian court agreed to lift a travel ban on Mamoun el-Hobeidi, a leading member of the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood, the oldest and most influential Islamic activist organisation in the Middle East (Michael Binyon writes). It said there was no proof that he was a security threat or intended to establish ties with other fundamentalists.

Polish Premier's fate in balance

The fate of Jozef Oleksy, the Polish Prime Minister, and his Government dominated by former Communists, hung in the balance as military prosecutors prepared to submit a report on KGB recruitment activities in Warsaw (Roger Boyes writes). The Prime Minister denies espionage.

Hiss of life

Phnom Penh: An entire Cambodian village has taken to worshipping a large python found under a house as a god that can heal the sick, after claiming its presence cured aches and chest pains. (AFP)

Arafat plays the lottery card

By Christopher Walker

LOTTERY fever in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip is the latest by-product of Palestinian autonomy. The establishment of the Palestinian National Lottery, complete with scratch cards in the national colours of red. green. white and black, was announced yesterday.

"Now that we have got a legally elected parliament, a President, an anthem, a passport and a radio and television ve nao to nave inat other attribute of the modern ringing with people wanting lottery.

FROM PEREGRINE HODSON

IN TOKYO

PART-TIME prostitution is a

growing industry in Japan among university students, graduates —

and schoolgirls. A long recession

has made jobs harder to find over

the past two years, especially for

In desperation, increasing num-

bers of women graduates have taken to working in "hostess" bars,

where sex with their salariman

customers, although not officially

Palestinian journalist said. Despite fierce resistance from Islamic fundamentalists.

who oppose any form of gambling, the lottery, to be run from the West Bank town of Ramallah by a private company operating under guidelines similar to those laid down for Camelot in Britain, has aiready received the blessing of Yassir Arafat and will make its first televised draw on March 9.

"Since the announcement. pnone nas noi stopped

glossy directories.

tional extra. Some advertise them-

selves in "dating" magazines with

their physical characteristics, tele-

phone numbers and the maximum

age of an "ideal" partner - usually

up to 50 years. Others give their

photographs and personal details

to escort agencies for circulation in

Although being paid for sexual intercourse is illegal, the law seems to be honoured more in the breach

than the observance. "Soapland"

salons offer massage services and

play." Dima Samman, 32, one have copied a number of other national lotteries, but ours will be unique in that a large share of the profits will go to the families of Palestinian martyrs from the intifada against

guaranteed minimum first

the directors, said. "We

Initially the top prize will be limited to 100,000 shekels (£21,000), compared to the prize of 6 million shekels available in this week's draw

"image" clubs entertain clients"

fantasies. Popular roles are

"nurses", "O. L." (office ladies) and,

But now high-school students are

offering the real thing. In a letter to

the Yomiuri daily newspaper, Junko Iida complains: "I cannot

understand today's high-school

girls. They seem like hostesses or

prostitutes rather than students.

Their fashions are indecent -

bright-coloured lipstick and nail

polish, pagers and mobile tele-

phones, brand-name bags and

predictably, "schoolgirls".

Japanese schoolgirls sell their bodies in pursuit of West's designer labels

clothing such as Vuitton, Chanel

and Prada. They think it is fashion-

able to show their underclothes.

They will do anything to get

money, even selling their lingerie or bodies at date clubs. For some years in Japan, there has been a brisk trade in used schoolgirls' knickers and school uniforms, but now a new trend has developed. In Nagoya, where sex industry restrictions are laxer than in Tokyo or Osaka, girls have been selling their meishi, name cards, with their photographs and teleyen (E20 to E35) a card to older

At 4mm. after school, groups of 16year-old girls in school uniform gather outside Kamayama station. offering cards to salarimen going home from work. Some offer and expect more. One asked a middleaged salariman for 30,000 yen — about £200 — to show her knickers and when he refused suggested dancing as an extra inducement.

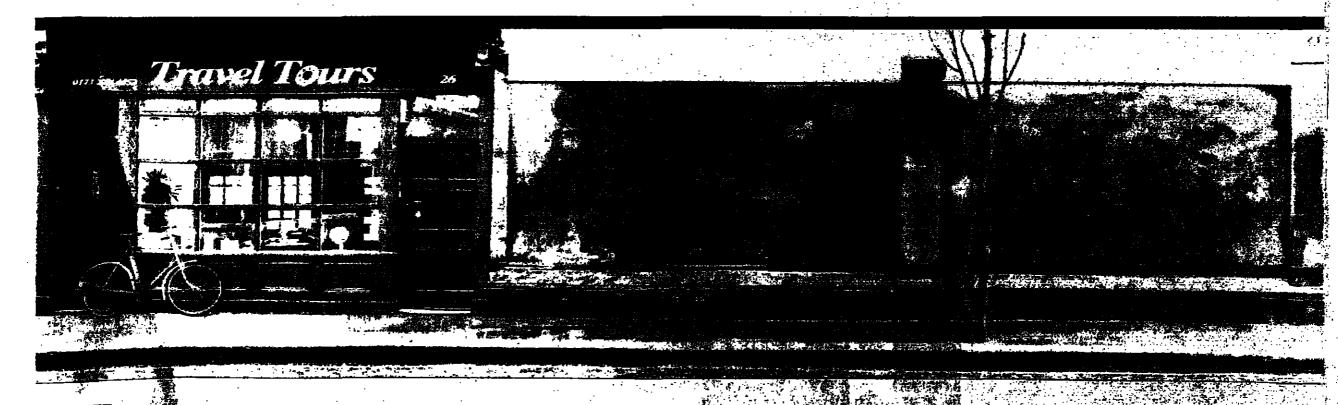
Asked whether she feared getting annoying phone calls, a schoolgirl

replied: "We use mobile phones we are not so stupid as to give our home phone numbers."

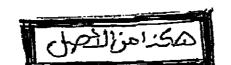
While the alleged rape of a

schoolgiri by US Marines in Okinawa has provoked outrage in Japan and elsewhere, and overshadows relations with America, an increasing number of high-school students earn money by casual sex.

Poverty drives the child prosti-tutes of Thailand or the Philippines, but Japanese schoolgirls seem to be motivated by the lure of fashion's designer labels.



If you don't listen to your customers



'Saint Hillary' falls from grace over US sleaze

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

AMERICA will witness the extraordinary spectacle of its First Lady entering a court-house in Washington's Pennsylvania Avenue on Friday through scrums of journalists and cameramen. There, she will face a grand jury of 23 citizens that has subpoenaed her because it suspects an obstruction of justice in the White House.

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The unprecedented event will mark a dramatic new low point in the fortunes of the brilliant, tough, arrogant law-yer who arrived in the White House in January 1993 determined to transform the country, although she had been elected to nothing.

Three years later "Saint

Hillary", as The New York Times once dubbed her, is easily the most unpopular First Lady ever and a considerable liability to her husband as he seeks re-

election. Most Americans doubt her veracity: a columnist has labelled her a "congenital liar". and she and her husband have been nearly bankrupted by legal

Mrs Clinton's woes originated in the mid-1980s, when her husband was Arkansas Governor. She was a member of Little Rock's Rose Law Firm, and both were partners in the Whitewater development corporation with James McDougal, owner of the failing Madison Guaranty savings and loan bank.

It is now known that Mr McDougal was channelling Madison funds into the Whitewater company, needed favours to keep the bank open from state officials appointed by Mr Clinton, and paid Mrs Clinton a handsome retainer for her legal services. Madi-son collapsed in 1989 at a cost to the taxpayer of \$60 million (E39 million).

Two years ago Kenneth Starr, the Whitewater special prosecutor, subpoenaed the Rose Law Firm's records of how much Mrs Clinton had billed Madison and for what; but the records had vanished.

Since then, much evidence has surfaced to suggest the White House went to great lengths to conceal Mrs Clinton's involvement with Madison.

It emerged that Vincent Foster, the Rose partner who became deputy White House counsel but later killed himself, removed files from the during the campaign.

Then panic engulfed the White House after the 1993 suicide of Mr Foster, who was handling the Whitewater affair. The Senate committee obtained records showing nu-merous calls that night be-tween Mrs Clinton in Arkansas, Susan Thomases, a lawyer and friend of Mrs Clinton, in New York, and White House aides, three of whom searched Mr Foster's

6 Most Americans doubt her veracity and she and her husband have been nearly bankrupted by legal costs. 9

office. A Secret Service agent

testified about seeing Maggie Williams. Mrs Clinton's chief of staff, leaving with files — a charge she denies.

On January 5 — five days after a deadline for suing professionals who fraudulently advised corrupt savings and loans - the White House announced it had found the billing records and released They were covered in Mr

Foster's handwriting and showed that Mrs Clinton, who had testified that her work for Madison was "minimal", had put in 60 hours with two particular bursts of activity. One coincided with Madison seeking state approval for a recapitalisation scheme, and the second involved advice on a dubious property transaction that hastened Madison's collapse. Last Thursday Caro-



Brandt: her discovery is backed by scholars

lyn Huber, a personal aide of

the Clintons, told the commit-

tee that someone had deposit-

ed the long-lost records on a

table in the White House

private quarters. Mr Starr

immediately asked the White-

water grand jury to subpoena

Mrs Clinton, her lawyer and

several staff. He is even testing the records for fingerprints.

Mrs Clinton might enjoy

more support in her predica-

ment had her credibility not been hurt so badly over the past few weeks by the

Soon after Mr Clinton took office, the White House sacked

seven travel office employees

and then called in the FBI to

try to substantiate vague alle-

gations against them. It did so

on the bidding of Harry

Thomason, an old Arkansas

friend of the Clintons who was

eyeing its business for himself, and put the President's 25-year-old

cousin in charge. The White House

press corps reacted furi-

ously. The White House

retreated and six were

rehired. The seventh was charged with em-

bezzlement, but a jury

took barely an hour to

acquit him. Mrs Clinton

denied any role in the

dismissals, but newly

subpoenaed memos from

White House aides say she

pressed hard for the removal

There are other counts

against Mrs Clinton, ranging from the revelation that she

once turned \$1,000 into

\$100,000 on high-risk cattle

futures through extensive help

from well-placed friends, to

her failure to acknowledge the

woman who virtually co-

authored her new book on

The saintly image Mrs Clinton likes to project is thus

being replaced by another: of a

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Travelgate" affair.

Cupid emerges from the shadows

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

A STATUE of Cupid by Mi-chelangelo has been "found" in the lobby of an old building on Fifth Avenue in New York For years the priceless artefact has stood feet away from the thundering traffic and thieving throngs, guarded by little more than a doorman.

The building has been owned by the French Government since the 1950s and houses the offices of its Cultur-al Attaché. Countless cocktail parties have been held in the foyer but the guests, who included Manhattan's most assured aesthetes, were too busy snaffling canapes and sinking champagne to notice the treasure at their side.

The marble statue, depicting a naked youth, has now been credited to Michelangelo by a specialist in 16th century Italian art. Professor Kathleen Weil-Garris Brandt of New York University's Fine Arts Institute says that the work belongs to the young Michelangelo, predating the mae-stro's Bacchus. She is supported by other scholars. including a senior curator from the National Gallery in

The English-born Professor Brandt spotted the statue during one the attache's recent soirées. It was a rainswept night and she was walking past the door when she saw the statue. "I pressed my nose against the window and murmured 'blimey'," she said yes-It is unfinished. damaged and has been occasionally restored, but it is ravishing - and priceless." Professor Brandt, who ad-



The Michelangelo statue found languishing in the lobby of a New York building

vised the Varican on the recent restoration of the Sistine chapel, decided to research the statue. She discovered that the piece was acquired in Rome by Stanford White, architect of the elegant Fifth Avenue townhouse he built for the prominent Whitney family in 1906. The Rome vendor described it as a freshly-unearthed antiouity, but Professor Brandt learns that the statue had

earlier been offered at auction in London, where it was catalogued as a Michelangelo. It was returned to Rome after failing to attract its reserve

Nicholas Penny, the National Gallery's chief curator for the Italian Renaissance, told The New York Times that he is persuaded by Professor Brandt's research and conclusion. The statue, he said, was

"too peculiar" to be the work of another artist. "No laker would have given the boy a quiver of arrows made out of a lion's paw. Nor could anyone have faked the back of the head with its curls. It's just too inventive and too idiosyn-cratic." The statue normally languished in shadows, but on the night Mrs Brandt noticed it there was lighting from

Rapid justice capsizes canoeist

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

FOUR months after winning his second world slalom championship. Davey Hearn was bun-died into the back of an American police car and arrested for riding his canoe down the swollen white waters of the Potomac River.

In a sport where the "perfect wave" is every-thing, canoeists from Virginia and Maryland had waited ten years for the river to hit 18ft on the Little Falls Gorge, 13ft above the level at which the untrained are warned to stay away. That moment came this week when the snow that had buried Washington started to melt, creating a paddling paradise on

the coursing Potomac. For Mr Hearn, who lives in nearby Bethesda. the cascading rapids have which have moulded his career. When the river reached its previous record levels in 1985, he had been the first to join 20 expert canoeists for a day on the surf. Clearly, there was never any intention that the gold medallist would miss this latest opportunity.

He and three friends agreed to launch their boats despite barricades and signs warning that the river was closed. Mr Hearn, running late after an indoor training session for the 1996 Olympics. never saw his colleagues. who had launched upstream, when he placed his vessel in the water at an unguarded spot.

He encountered instead the wrath of Lieutenant David Stover of the Park Police who first told him to leave the rapids and then. aided by a helicopter and other officers, leapt into the water to grab and capsize the boat and wrestle its owner to shore.

Arrested and hand-cuffed, Mr Hearn was charged with resisting arrest, and failure to obev the order of an officer which both carry fines of up to \$1,000 (£650) and a year in jail - and violation

of a river closure notice. After his release for later trial the canoeist, who had ridden the river for at least an hour, said he was the victim of wrongful arrest. "It was the perfect wave. I could ride it back and forth and never even touch my paddle." Mr Hearn said. l could have stayed all day, but not with helicopters hovering and people yelling. It's unclear to me why they have the power to close the river. I think once you're on the water.

you're on your own." Lieutenant Stover, who had been unaware that he was dealing with a world champion. was unrepentant yesterday. "It makes no difference," he said. "It was not a recreational situation out there. Whether Mr Hearn thinks so or not I feel I rescued him."

Republicans told to behave

BY MARTIN FLETCHER

ANGRY Republican congressmen were being drilled on etiquette yesterday as tension between Congress and the White House threatened to turn President Clinton's State of the Union speech last night ugly partisan into an

Republican leaders were warning rank-and-file members to suppress their desire to jeer or boo the President, because such behaviour would anger the roughly 50 million Americans who were expected to watch the event on television.

For his part, Mr Clinton was expected to skate over his bitter and unresolved battle with the Republican Congress

over how to balance the budget and, by extension, to shrink the Government without shredding America's social safety net. He was expected to sound a conciliatory note. Nor was the President expected to dwell on the problems of Hillary Clinton. who was planning to sit in the

front row of the gallery. Mr Clinton spent the day rewriting and polishing his address, and was intending to use it to spell out his vision for America's future as it approaches the 21st century and his case for a second term.

Mike McCurry, the White House press secretary, said Mr Clinton would emphasise America's economic progress since he took office. "The economy is strong. It's growing. Inflation is low. Unemployment is low. The so-called misery-index is at a generation-length low," he said.

Mr Clinton was also likely

to emphasise foreign policy accomplishments in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Haiti, the Middle East and Northern Ireland, and to name Barry

McCaffrey as the new White House drugs czar.
Robert Dole, the Senate leader and Republican presidential front-runner, selected himself to deliver the Republicans' official response, thereby ensuring himself a huge dollop of free time on national

Brit-pop in US Top 10

New York: Two British rock groups have made the Top 10 charts in America, marking a welcome breakthrough for new "Brit-pop" after years when only veterans such as the Beaties and Eric Clapton seemed able to prevail (Quen-

tin Letts writes). Oasis and the lesser-known Bush. whose lead singer was educated at Westminster, have made numbers nine and five, respectively, in the latest Billboard album chart. Bush's Sixteen Stone is its debut album, while Oasis, with (What's the Story) Morning Glory?, has benefited from a much publicised tussle last summer with another British group. Blur.

New York blows its covers

By Quentin Letts

MANHOLE covers in New York have been sent flying in the air by subterranean blasts. The exploding covers, com-pared to "landmines waiting to be stepped on", have shattered windows, overturned cars and injured pedestrians.

A series of explosions has been traced back to 1992. They seem to happen when the weather is at its coldest and officials at Con Edison, New York's power supply company, believe salt used to keep ice off the city's roads is to

Salty water may be seeping on to electricity cables beneath the manholes, eroding their outer layer and so creating a short circuit. That, in turn, ignites methane or other gases that have built up from sew-

age or from the rotting of the The blasts are not connected

to New York's celebrated steam which rises, Danteesque. from holes in the ground - that is caused by cold waste water passing over hot subterranean pipes carry-ing steam to heat high-rise buildings.

"We are not certain about the cause of the explosions, but we believe the salt is to blame," Richard Molieri. a Con Edison spokesman, said yesterday. "Some of the explosions are just a little pop. Others can be worse."

Since 1992 free-flying man-

hole covers have caused one death, 34 injuries, and flipped over a Brooklyn car. A Manhanan huilding was

evacuated after one explosion. and a startled Cardinal O'Connor of New York had his windows broken. Professor Sam Schwartz, a former city engineer, said: "It's frightening and dangerous, as if New Yorkers don't have

enough to worry about." However, New York has 250,000 manholes and, so far, only 85 have been lifted. In lesser incidents, there have

been fires. Mr Molieri said that research was continuing to dis-cover the exact cause of the explosions.



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The one thing I regret is not having flings'

Omar Sharif, now 63, still lives the life of a bachelor playboy. He talks to Mary Riddell about his passion for women, gambling and playing bridge

are the toughest world's greatest (retired). The heart-throb awareness that one's hair is greying and one's waistline is thickening a trifle? Locating one's teeth by the bedside in the morning?

Although not a vain man. Omar Sharif is swift to set the record straight on the dentures. "Actually. I do have nine teeth left. But. yes, my hair is getting thin, or so I have been informed by people who look

"I understand your ques-tion, but being a heart-throb never affected my life. I don't live with my image. I live with my friends - with people who train horses and play bridge. It has been Omar's habit over countless years to convert

his pay cheques into thoroughbred horseflesh. Bridge, a game he learnt to while away idle moments when he was filming Lawrence of Arabia, is his second passion

Today, he begins his chall-enge in the Macallan International Pairs Championship knowing that he ranks among the best bridge players in the

world. And yet he is modest. "I can still play well over a limited period of time. My mental faculties are good. although not as good as those of a 40-year-old."

Omar is 63 now, and it is fair to assume that his judgment at least has improved with age. How long it seems since he lost £750,000 in a single evening's gambling, how long since he and Peter O'Toole sold their passports in the lavatory to defray their losses at cards.

It has, what with one thing and another, seemed an intemperate life. Omar. blueblazered ornament of the world's leading bridge tournament, balks at the word.

"I had a much more temperate life than most actors. I smoked a lot 60 a day until he gave up recently], but I never drank much. I had one heart bypass - which is not extraordinary. I only married once [to the Egyptian actress Faten Hamamal, and I didn't have a

'I would say that Hugh



Sharif and Barbra Streisand

Grant is much more intemperate than me. I'm not talking about that particular incident, simply that he has a girlfriend and I do not."

But Omar, you were once said to have accumulated 25,000 marriage proposals in a month. In addition, it barely seems five minutes since an Italian popped up in Hello! magazine, talking about the child you had together.

Languid he may be, not to mention charming and possessed of an informal way with female interviewers. "More tea, darling?" he will ask at solicitous intervals. But there is nothing that Omar Sharif likes more than a good debate.

He stares fiercely through gold-rimmed spectacles, and the limpid brown eyes burn. Zhivago-style. "It takes two seconds to have a child. If he is lonely. His Egyptian every time a man makes love nationality has decreed for

he has a child, you could have thousands."

This sounds like the arithmetic of a life of flings. "Flings, flings, I don't have flings. I admit to making love once a month on average, but that is not flings. As a matter of fact it's the only thing I

regret, not having flings. "No long-term relationships either. I never had a relationship that lasted more than three months. I had to travel all over the globe, and, quite honestly, a woman who packs suitcases and follows you around would be a very boring person. I like a woman who will fight and discuss and argue. I don't like object women or women who cook

for me. I hate that." You see the problem. Nei-ther Anouk Airnée nor Catherine Deneuve nor Barbra women with whom he has been linked — is known for her skill in rustling up beans on toast for teal

'Streisand wasn't a liaison. I had a lot of affection for her while we were making Funny Girl - sometimes reciprocated, sometimes not. I was a father figure. We parted on good terms, and the friendship still goes on. If she has a problem, I will try to help."

uddenly, he says: "I know this will sound very Freudian, but my mother is still living, and perhaps if she weren't I would have had a different life.

"My son, Tarek, lived with me as a child. His mother was not there all the time, and now he is marrying for the third time because he must have women around him. I, who had an always-present mother, do not feel like that." And yes, he says, sometimes

Omar Sharif: "I like a woman who will fight and discuss and argue. I don't like object women or women who cook for me. I hate that." him a life itinerant even by defending itself. I munch out Hollywood standards. He has of the fridge or mini-bar, and traipsed the world for work wrappers in the bin." and film parts to pay his debts

But do not think him trouand now, at last, he plans to abandon Paris, his only base, for Cairo and his roots. bled, for he is not. A great admirer of women, he has Bar the odd few seconds, he long since abandoned any thoughts of marriage. "Quite simply, I never met the right has liked none of his 50 films but he has not the slightest intention of retiring. This spring he will appear in the His is the bachelor lifestyle, cameo role of The Sorcerer in the Channel 4 mini-series,

and he hesitates. "Actually, no.

I sleepwalk now, since I gave

up smoking. I set up a video and filmed myself doing it. I

have tried not to eat too much,

so perhaps this is my body

pared-down and full of foibles. His wardrobe contains rows of Gulliver's Travels, currently identical and expensive navy hlazers, and he complains being promoted in America. On his other recent film role about the irksome details of a nomadic existence. "I hate a home video — he is more diffident. Ask him if his fastthose Victorian English taps. lane existence has translated Hot and cold. No mixers. How into something more tranquil.

am I supposed to shave?" A small price to pay, for this week he is happy. The luminaries of the bridge world drift in and out of his London hotel suite. "Omar, how good to see you again. Dinner? Where shall we go?

A filmstar to the core, Omar says San Lorenzo. But he has no particular wish to be in the public eye, for this is a more peaceful interlude.

many sports — he was an Egyptian football international and a fine cricketer - he has clung to bridge through the wayward and the sober years.

'Marriage? Quite simply, I never met the right

He likes the atmosphere. likes the contestants, likes the competition. But perhaps most of all, he enjoys the uncertain-

person'

"I am a fatalist. Things weave into a pattern. If I hadn't lost £750,000 in a night, I wouldn't have made a particular film. If I hadn't stayed in one day with a cold, I might have met the woman of my

"Oh, I've been lucky. I've been on the verge of being broke, but then money has come raining in from heaven. Something always turns up."
In other words, when Omar sits down for his first contest today, he will merely be doing what he has always done. Simply playing the cards he is

■ The Macallan International Bridge Pairs Championships are being held at the White House, Albany Street. London NWI, from today until Friday.



i - 400m anniversary of his death

Rachel Kelly on the latest member to join the Literary Society

Secrets of an elite men-only club

THE Literary Society's January dinner is always its best-attended as, traditionally, the president announces who has been elected as the newest member of the all-male club. This month, it was the turn of Sir Robert

Fellowes, the Queen's devoted private secretary, who received a congratulatory letter and a request for the £40 subscription fee-Thirty club members gathered

for the umplaced three-course dinner in the Milne room at the Garrick Club. With schoolboyish glee, they heard the news delivered by the president and Tory historian, Lord Blake.

Competition was stiff for the single place on the 60-strong club left vacant by the death last year of Mark Bonham-Carter. It matters who proposes and who seconds and blackballing is rife.

Lord Howe of Aberavon famously was rejected two years ago. A club membership list hints at why Sir Robert's election is a small earthquake on the Establishment scene. This is the club that

William Waldegrave and Roy Jenkins are members. So is the philosopher Sir Isaiah Berlin. The philosopher and former President of Trinity College, Oxford, Lord Quinton dines regularly. Sir Nicholas Hen-derson, formerly our man in America, is there. So are scribblers such as Frank

Johnson, the Editor of The Spectator, Sir Peregrine Worsthorne, Alexander Chancellor. Duff Hart-Davis, John Joliffe, John Grigg, Derwent May, Philip Howard, Anthony Howard and A.N. Wilson. Grandees include the Duke of Devonshire; the historians Sir Steven Runciman and Sir Michael Howard; the novelists Anthony Powell and V.S. Pritchett; and Lord Arm-

strong of Ilminster. You don't have to be published to join: just a good chap with ideas who will be convivial company. It is, says Lord Blake, a "congenial dining club, though most members have written

something at some time". Women are not allowed although Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother was once brought Sir Robert Fellowes to dinner by Lord Blake.

No one will speak openly of the Lit Soc. as it is known. But why such secrecy? "Why not?" Lord Blake says. "It's a club. There's a very strong tradition: never blab."

Why was Sir Robert elected? "There is a at Buckingham Palace. And, obviously, they can't publish anything." Lord Charteris of Amisfield, for example, is a member.

The club provides a chance to gossip, a chance to network, a solace for the lonely and a retreat for the harassed. In a year already teeming with royal scandals, that could prove handy for Sir Robert.

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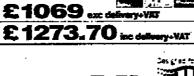
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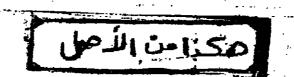




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Why can't British women win at work without feeling ashamed?

shows American businesswomen are pushier than their British counterparts. Kimberly: Fortier agrees

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I'LL GET right to the point, since this is what American women are best known for. In business, a survey by the European Women's Management Development Network shows. American women are plain-speaking and goal-orientated. To the average Britat-his-desk, this translates as pushy and ambitious. Whatever you call it, it seems to work. And that's the rub.

women march into a business function, introduce ourselves to the chairman, and deliver a kind of mission statement? There are a million cultural and individual explanations for the differences between the way British and Americans work. They fall into a few simple categories.

National temperament.

Americans have a firm belief. in "manifest destiny" - we are born to fill an entire continent. Trouble in Ireland? We somehow believe that sending our President to switch on the Christmas lights will solve everything. Americans still have an empire-led mixture of confidence and romantic idealism. A 19th-century Englishman would understand this. A 20th-century Englishman would not.

Class system. America has a class system both devilishly complex and uniquely simplistic. It has to do with power, which has to do with money, which usually has to do with job. Americans define themselves by their jobs. I once 'rested" for a year, and it nearly killed me. Now, whenever I don't want to get out of bed. I remember that year those nagging self-doubts, the flagging dinner party conver-sation as men leant over me to talk to other people. To an American, you are what you do, no matter who your greatgrandmother was.

Ambition. When I was with GQ magazine, we sponsored an Oxford Union debate. The topic was "I'd rather appear an effortless gentleman than an overwhelming achiever". Effortless gentleman won hands down. It has taken me years to figure out that the British don't like overt ambition, while Americans see it as a top-billed virtue. We don't really think Scarlet Pimpernel. We think Andrew Carnegie. After three months in my first UK job, I sat down with my boss to discuss my AMBI-TIONS. "How." I wanted to know, should I go about improving myself, therefore improving my position within the company?" He laughed.

The editorial team began to hum If I Ruled the World when I came in with breathless ideas for a better magazine. (I was, of course, the most



magazine's masthead.) I am still puzzled by the tag applied to me of (negative pause) "ambitious". It seemed so natural simply to state my goal and try to find out what I

should be doing to achieve it.

Grandstanding. This is a terrific American term. It means working your tail off, and then bragging to everyone within earshot about your hard-earned successes. We also invented the slogan "no pain, no gain". I used to report regularly to my UK colleagues on my efforts. "I was here until 11 last night", or "I'll have to work all weekend to get this done". Every Brit to the last insignificant person on the one replied: "Don't." But I've

noticed the (very English) man I work for sneaks in at 6am, so that he can leave with everyone else, pretending to work a normal day, achieving great things with effortless ease. Confusing

Embarrassment. The British are so admirable. In times of war they stand alone against massed enemies. They will queue for hours hoping for a can of Spam. They will even accept that there's no water in Yorkshire.

The one thing a Brit won't stand for is being embarrassed. And almost everything embarrasses them. Introducing themselves to a stranger. Offering a service. Closing a

deal. It's all so pushy, so selfimportant, just too awful to consider. Americans, on the other hand, have a very high water mark for embarrass-

The last time I was truly embarrassed was when my stockings fell down around my ankles in the midst of crossing Regent Street (don't ask). After that escapade, introducing myself to the head of

the BBC was small fry.

Networking. The British hate the whole idea. The truth is, most Brits simply know everyone else, or at least the key players. And they have known them for several centuries. But Americans in Britain

have to network. Otherwise, the only people we would ever speak to would be taxi drivers

and other Americans. The British have a terrific defence mechanism against the networking American an incredibly dry put-down technique. Luckily, as an American, you haven't quite figured it out (see ambition and embarrassment, above). You will probably just think they're nice. In the end they will capitulate and agree to go to lunch. After about 75 years. they will invite you home to

• Kimberly Fortier is the Communications Director of Condé Nast.

ducer, former cocaine-addict and author of a tell-all autobi-

ography called The Kid Stays

In The Picture. The title was a

plaintive cry for attention from

a has-been whose "comeback" film, Sliver, starring Sharon

Stone, proved an embarrass-ing failure.

And there is Dennis Wood-

ruff, loser personified. Mr

Woodruff spends his time

cruising the streets of Holly-wood in a beat-up Cadillac

adorned with his phone num-

ber and the message, "Hire

Ignored in all this are at

least some regular guys among the industry's thou-

sands of worker bees: the

agents, publicists, attorneys,

"development executives", mu-

sicians and writers. Such people do exist.

My friend Yale Udoff, for

example, manages to make

screenwriting look like a nor-mal nine-to-five job. Married

to an estate agent, he has an

office which he goes to every

day in his favourite tweed

he trouble with British businesswomen is that they are simply too embarrassed, says Giles Coren. No wonder their American rivals win every time

ON A company bonding weekend in the country, you are invited to play a game of tennis with the chairman. What he doesn't know is that you were once a Wimbledon junior champion:

US: Donna McSpleen, wearing a white Lycra catsuit and a headband, brandishes her £280 graphite Wilson Sledgehammer and informs the boss of her pedigree. She has him running all over the court to the point of cardiac emergency, and after winning the first set to love, informs him that his backhand could use a little

UK: Dorothy Small, on the other hand, keeps quiet. She says she hasn't played for a while and, trying to avoid looking pushy, pretends she is unable to return his pat-a-cake serves. Afterwards, in her neatly ironed Ann Jones skirt. dangling her wooden Maxolv Fort, she tells him how he puts men half his age to sname. and what a great athlete he must have been once.

A COMPANY car becomes available:

US: Donna McSpleen walks into the office and throws an open copy of Performance Car onto the table. "I must have an Aston Martin DB7, in red. With a driver. I am my car." she says. "People associate me with what I drive, though 1 don't give a damn for cars. personally. My car must say power, thrust, attitude. It must say Top of the Range."

UK: Dorothy Small is terribly excited and thinks it best not to make too many demands just yet. When the fleet manager phones her she says: "Ooh, a Ford Mondeo. How posh." Do you want the 16-valve?" he asks. "Oh, I don't think so," she replies. "One will be enough." She will secretly miss seeing old friends on the bus and, worried about damaging the new vehicle, will

W YOU ARE invited to a high-powered cocktail party

US: Ms McSpleen, who has a favourite seat at the Paris shows and whose measure-ments Karl Lagerfeld knows off by heart, tries to envisage the sort of party it will be. She goes to work in a black cocktail dress - as she often does anyway, knowing that 1990s daywear is influenced y evening dress — but with a Chanel jacket for the office. Carefully selected jewellery is applied later, and the jacket removed to reveal tanned shoulders and surgically en-

hanced bosom. UK: Dorothy, who never feels quite comfortable in designer labels and anyway believes such an outlay on clothes can never be justified, prefers to shop instead at Marks & Spencer, where she has a store card. She suffers a sleepless night worrying that she will look dowdy, but at the same

time she knows she must not that one doesn't really want to look as if she is trying too hard. Like all British women. draw attention to oneself. she can envisage only two ■ PRESENTING your different types of dress: frilly

sister's wedding, and puts on a nice pair of earrings in the AT THE party, you espy a

group of big players standing in a circle talking: US: Donna McSpleen has two tactics. The best option is to find someone you know well, and ask them to introduce you - it must be someone who likes you and will give you a big build-up. You then ad-

taffeta costume or M&S stan

dards. She opts for the safe navy suit she bought for her

US: Donna had hers em

bossed on veilum by Ralph Lauren, gilt edged, with her email address in hologram. and just a little too large to be dispatched into the credit card pocket of a wallet. Asked for it. she replies: "Sure, and let's do

UK: Dorothy offers hesitantly: "Would you like my card? The company gave me stacks, but I never seem to use them. I'm afraid they still say 01, and we don't have a telex any more. Had them for years. It



Joan Crawford having The Best of Everything

dress your target with the words: "I can't tell you how glad I am to meet you - I have been wanting to for years." So what if the British think you might have ulterior motives that is what business is. There

is no point pretending. If there is no one to introduce her, Donna walks up to the group, identifies the dominant male and says: "Sorry to butt in, but didn't I see you in Quag's the other day?" Even if you didn't, you guess he will be flattered that you think you

UK: Dorothy Small perspires a little, and plucks another spritzer from a passing waiter. She sidles over and hovers on the periphery of the group. She smiles at the jokes, and nodds occasionally, thinking: 'I'll say something when the fat one's finished speaking." The fat one never does finish speaking, and she scuttles away after a while reflecting never seems the right moment does it? And then you only go and lose it" (small titter).

■ DICTATING a letter:

US: Donna buzzes her secretary on the intercom: "Sly, leave your nails alone and get plugged into that tube. I want you to give that schmuck Levinson the usual brush-off, 'She's out with the Kennedys and won't be back till next year' etc etc. And have a draft of the Weinfeld contract sent to there by yesterday."

UK: Dorothy, of course, potters down to the typing pool.
"Mrs Walters, would you mind awfully typing this letter for me, it's only short. No real hurry. I hate to burden you with it so late in the afternoon . . . Oh, well, I suppose I might as well type it myself. No point wasting your time, and I could do with the

And why can't Hollywood men be men?

Hollywood has spawned its own special breed of truly excruciating males. Giles Whittell reports from America on the crass, the craven and the corrupt



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s the film industry tot-A ters toward the end of the millennium churning out ever-increasing numbers of crass and corny action movies, Hollywood has become, more than ever, a magnet for men as crass and craven as their product. This desperate breed is cur-

rently being examined in Hol-lywood Men, an ITV four-part series. Last week's episode featured Fabio. whose terracotta-tan and artfully tousled hair have made him both a cover model and the laughing stock of men everywhere; he is joined in future episodes by two other outlandish rogues and a figure of truly tragic

There is Mark Harris, a 46 year-old "showbiz promoter" whose only success has been in promoting himself. Calling himself the Phantom of the Kitchen — "everything Liberace did with the piano. I did with pots and pans" - he wormed his way into the world of Beverly Hills powerbrunching and cashed out



spectacularly three years ago by marrying Martha Raye, a 78-year-old comedienne who had recently suffered a stroke. He is due to inherit her \$2.4 million estate.

There is Robert Evans, pro-

But his noble sort of toil is exceptional. Sooner or later. most men who come to Hollywood go native. Whether with drugs or diet pills, on the beach or in the gym. they end

jacket to write.

up conforming to the city's stereotypes.

Even the elite of creative talent is no less a caricature of itself than the peons at the bottom of the food chain. Tom Arnold, whose career

was launched by his first wife. the ribald but dowdy Roseanne, dumped her the moment True Lies made him a star. Jean-Claude Van Damme, the "muscles from Brussels" who has wrought a family-man image to counter his screen violence, seems about to fall from grace thanks to reports this week of a dalliance with a porn star. And no more need be said about the deeply human flaws Hugh Grant revealed on Sun-

t is no coincidence that the industry's real survivors Lare those who do not actually live in Hollywood. Harrison Ford spends every minute he can between films in splendid isolation on his ranch in Wyoming. Dennis Quaid has emigrated there as well. His film career may have stalled, but his marriage to Meg Ryan is intact and, rumour has it, so is his sanity. • Hollywood Men is on ITV



The man

versus

the myth

Magnus Linklater

gives Robert Burns

the last word

derstood - of poets. My local butcher has no fewer than five portraits of Robert Burns in his shop this week, to

say nothing of a couple of busts and a model of the bard's cottage in a bottle. He expects to sell 1,000lb of haggis in the

next few days and says he's never known

a bigger turnover in such a short time. How many other poets shift merchan-

The Burns industry shows little sign of slowing down as Scotland celebrates its national poet. The only sadness is news of the death, yesterday, of Scot-

land's best-loved contemporary poet, Norman MacCaig. Burns is loved by biographers as well as butchers. More than 900 volumes have poured out since 1797, along with 2,000 editions of his poems and songs, and to judge by the

acres of newspaper copy he has inspired this week, there is no end in sight. Whether in consequence we have any clearer perception of the man or his work is doubtful. Across the world

tomorrow there will be thousands of

Burns Night suppers with their whisky-

drenched rituals and their toasts to an

immortal memory that is impossibly

"The mair they talk I'm kent the better," wrote Burns optimistically; the opposite is probably true. The man is now so smothered in his own mythology

that it may be impossible to rescue him.

dise as fast as that?

Comorrow is the 200th anniversary of the birthday of Robert Burns. the most idolised — and misun-

Alan Coren



■ Worried by the state of the English novel? Help from on high is at hand

alk into any of Cricklewood's great public houses these days, and you will find your heart wrenched by the pitiful spectacle of strong men huddled glumly at tables, aimlessly doodling a finger in the froth of their untouched stout, silently piling pork scratchings into little curly wigwams, or merely sitting with their heads in their hands, raising them only to wipe the sleeves of their donkey jackets across their reddened eyes. Others, perhaps, will be leaning motionless on the window sills staring into the sleet, or slumped at the bar picking their teeth with darts they lack the zest to fling, or abstractedly dismembering roll-ups they would no doubt have lit had they but found the will to turn their thoughts to which of their trouser pockets had the matches in.

What can it be that has brought them to this distracted pass? It is, of course, the current state of the English novel. In common with millions throughout the land. these men can think of little else. Where, they ask themselves — for they have only themselves left to ask they are no longer able to discuss it with one another; they are all talked out - are the heirs of the Great Tradition, men and women able not only to dip their nibs in the pure well of English undefiled but also to address them to those universal and eternal themes that once swept English fiction to unprecedented heights at which the rest of the scribbling world could only gasp and goggle? What, goes the sad mumble, are we offered now but the convoluted witterings of self-indulgent miniaturists, or the sterile mimickings of this or that readich forces is an acceptant of all that modish foreign icon or, saddest of all, that desperate need for pith which drives the themeless novelist back to a more fertile past to offer us his speculations on cultures he never inhabited, heroes he never knew and

wars he never fought? Well, I mumbled all that myself, until just now. Just now, I put down a brilliant modern English novel I read at a single sitting, and when I tell you that that single sitting began just before just now, you will know that it is not only a brilliant novel but a short one, too. And none the worse for that: though it manages effortlessly to encompass the great eternal themes - birth, love, courage, human bonding, mortal fear, transcendent faith, all that - it does so with a crystalline concision that leaves haiku at the post. It has only 988 words. More yet, it is as daringly experimental as it is successfully so. I tell you, there has never been a hero like this.

his is the story. Living in a remote (but idyllic) farmhouse, a lovely woman heavy with imminent child is cut off by snow at the first pang of labour, unable to get to hospital because her husband, though he worships her, cannot start his car, and their devoted dog, Farckle, can only wag his tail (a fine touch: would Hardy have thought of Farckle?). Tragically, the hero, who alone might save her, is not merely miles away, but frozen solid. What is to be done? Faith is to be done: God - in the thinly disguised person ex machina - throws a bucket of hot water over the hero who, divinely thawed out, flies in search of the remote (but idyllic) farm-house, not knowing that it is by now completely hidden by snow. By an amazing stroke of fortune, however, three pairs of red long johns have been left on the washing line, on spotting which the hero lands, gathers up Mrs Fairweather (good name, eh?) and ports her to hospital, where she is delivered of a fine baby boy, whose parents instantly name him Jack B. Fairweather. The B is in honour of the hero and rightly so, because though Mr Fairweather - clearly having read a fair bit of magical realism in his time - treats talking helicopters as commonplace, he recognises that this particular one is a bit special.

I have to tell you that, having been engrossed in the book for nearly a whole minute, I finally closed Budgie and the Blizzard to find myself moved beyond admiration. I bought it only because I was curious to discover what Mr Frank Pearl, the renowned lawyer and hotelier, had seen in it to warrant his multimillion-dollar deal to publish it in the United States, but, believe me, I am curious no longer.



Tough on hypocrisy?

hose who would change the world often wonder if that also includes their children. All men may be born equal, with an inalicnable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. But when we see Johnny gurgling in his cradle, the temptation to place the teeniest silver spoon in his adorable mouth can be overwhelming. A Texan mother, Wanda Holloway, is presently on trial for plotting a murder to help her daughter's cheerleading career. "God," she said,

"the things you do for your children." Harriet Harman must be thinking the same. Her son Joe's 11-plus success has not only won him a place at St Olave's grammar school in Orpington. It has riven her party and earned Joe the John Major award for gift horse of the year. E.M. Forster prayed that, if forced to choose between his country and his friends, he would have the courage to choose his friends. Ms Harman feels the same way about her party versus her family. She has opted for her family, to howls of derision from Tories who claim to defend that battered institution.

When politicians accuse one another of hypocrisy, the world claps a handkerchief to its nose and watches the steaming ordure piling on stage. The stench rising over the Commons yester-Harman give as good as she is now getting to those who use private health-care rather than the NHS. But in the matter of Joe's schooling I am on her side. There is no incompatibility in seeking to reform a public service and yet continuing to use it in its prereformed state.

The creaming of southeast London primary schools by St Olave's grammar blatantly undermines the ability of rival schools to develop good sixth-forms. (I speak as a former governor of one of its rivals, Archbishop Tenison's.) The schools available to Ms Harman have all been victims of this cross-border raiding, encouraged by the Government's league table obsession. St Olave's is reportedly six times oversubscribed and parental choice is meaningless. Pupils are chosen by it, as in other selective systems such as Kent, Trafford and Redbridge. Nor is St Olave's likely to expand to admit all who want to come to it under Mr Major's former policy of parental choice. Its league ranking would plummet. That is why Mr Major appears to have switched his policy to supporting selection.

The organised hysteria of Harriet

Harman's critics, Tory and Labour, obscures the truth about selection

Politicians must live in this world, not in some idealised one. They everywhere risk the charge of hypocrisy. I am sure Ms Harman's Labour tormentors, such as Clare Short and Peter Hain, drive around town in cars when it suits them, defying Labour's commitment to public transport. I am sure that they claim mortgage interest tax relief, even if they might be against it. I am sure Tories now inveighing against divorce reform would make use of the "quickie" procedure if it suited them. Politicians demand jail sentences for drunk drivers, yet plenty drink and drive. They rail against those who smoke marijuana yet abuse themselves with

alcohol and nicotine. For decades they condemned the poor to the horrors of high-rise ar-chitecture while tucking themselves snugly into neo-Georgian and

Or let us come closer to the point. Mr Major says he is tough on hypocrisy. Let him show the public one

case of a Tory MP who would follow the logic of his new enthusiasm for selective education. Let his child sit and, for the sake of the argument, fail the 11-plus, be refused a grammar place and be sent off to a local secondary modern. Mr Major claims that under new selection, all schools would enjoy equality of esteem. That is what they said in 1944. Tell that to any south London school competing with St Olave's. I repeat, let the first Tory MP whose child fails the 11-plus and agrees to go to a secondary modern be

the first to cry hypocrisy. This utterly confused debate is being given top billing in what is already called the "run-up" to the next election. Let us restate some first principles. The right of a parent (or a patient) to use private money to buy a personal service is surely absolute. If I do not like some part of the welfare state, I can opt out, provided that I pay taxes to benefit the rest. Going private is a form of redistributive taxation. In education, the

proportion of children involved is small, roughly 8 per cent depending on

How best to organise the public education sector is a different matter. It involves public money and should be based on equity. I may use private medicine, yet still believe that state medicine should not be skewed to benefit the middle class, the young or the economically active. The same applies to publicly financed education. For a quarter of a century after the war, British school administrators chan-nelled children at the early age of 11 into grammar, technical or "modern" institutions for the rest of

their schooldays. For the quarter who were sent to grammar schools this was, not surprisingly, a success. Grammar schools did well because the cards favour. The 11-plus did boost the intake of working-class children to grammar schools, but it mostly

entrenched a heavily subsidised middle class ghetto within the state system. This was seen as not only unfair but also inefficient. For the 75 per cent rejected, it caused intense bitterness and vielded Britain the worst record for staying on at school in Europe. Hardly anybody thought it worked. It was all but

Mr Major's recent speeches suggest that he intends to avoid the "evils" of selection by parents somehow choosing a secondary school on the basis of its specialism in a subject. The school will then be allowed to "select" the most apt child. It is hard to believe that Mr Major or his advisers understand school administration. All enrolment is to some degree planned: the question is what criteria should be used where a school is oversubscribed. The idea of a range of local schools being specialised by subject and then open to free parental choice is specialism at 11, this is crass. If selection there is to be, at least base it on the crude equity of the old 11-plus.

The comprehensive revolution suf-fered from coinciding with a period of politicised nonsense about how schools should be run internally. No good secondary school can avoid streaming. The important question is at what age and in what form. This applies at 'comprehensive" Eton as at comprehensive Holland Park. There have been dozens of models for achieving this without segregating at 11. They include multi-site campuses, streamed middle schools, selective high schools starting at 14 or 15 and selective sixth-form colleges. Already the divide between sixth-forms and technical colleges is being eroded, as it is between universities and polytechnics. By redistributing cash between institutions, policy bolstered the less fortunate without penalising success.

r Major's desire to revive selection at 11 should be a gift to Labour. It has been wrong-footed not so much by Mr Blair or Ms Harman as by its oath of silence on any controversial area of policy. The normally articulate education spokesman, David Blunkett, has yet to explain what "no selection, read my St Olave's. It must mean a pledge that Labour will force such schools to take a broad-based local intake and not be allowed to "vacuum up" bright pupils from other boroughs.

Mr Blunkett should be able to boast that the reorganisation that his party sponsored in the 1960s was mostly a success, however unpopular with middie-class parents who resent having to pay fees to avoid the bad old Inner London Education Authority compre hensives. Reorganisation has doubled the numbers getting an A-level pass, increased by six times those with good grades at O-level/GCSE and by seven times those staying on to further

There are bad secondary schools, but nothing like as bad as before 1965, or as bad as the "sinks" that would result from the present opt-out policy. Heaven knows how the British workforce would look had we stayed with IJ-plus selection over the past 30 years, or if we were to go back to it now. This field is wide open to Labour. If Tony Blair cannot make hay meaningless. As for a parent or a in such political sunshine, how will he teacher predicting a child's subject fare when winter comes?

Burns the ploughman-poet, Burns the lover. Burns the champion of women's rights, Burns the drinker, Burns the nationalist or Burns the Unionist have all been claimed by enthusiasts whose knowledge is mostly shrouded in a romantic mist. "He is a myth evolved by the popular imagination, a communal poetic creation, a protean figure," wrote the Orkney poet Edwin Muir. "We can all shape him to our likeness, for the myth is endlessly adaptable."

It is not that we know too little about Burns; it is that we know too much. Unlike Shakespeare, whose biographical details are sketchy at best, Burns's life is an open book. He wrote compulsively about himself, analysing his increasingly complicated affairs in hun-dreds of letters sent to his friends. In turn boasting, self-pitying, defiant, cra-ven and delightfully witty, he comes across as a flawed but completely

> ong before his death, the stories of his bastard children, his penury and his politics had become widespread and Burns himself was distorting his literary reputation: "My success has encouraged such a shoal of ill-spawned monsters to crawl into public notice under the title of Scots Poets, that the very term Scots Poetry borders on the burlesque," he wrote. His love songs were murdered on the musichall stage, his politically charged poetry was seized on by adherents of every faction. By the 19th century, he was being claimed by Carlyle as an imperial hero and Robert Louis Stevenson as a model of the upwardy mobile working-

human being. Almost everyone he met tended to record what they thought. The Duchess of Gordon told Sir Walter Scott

that she had never met a man "whose conversation so completely carried her

class man. Today he is hailed by Conservatives ("Be Britons still to Britons true, among ourselves united...") and by nationalists ("We're bought and sold for English gold/ Such a parcel of rogues in a nation.) As Charles Kennedy, MP, wrily pointed out this week: "He was obviously all things to all men, so he was clearly a Lib Dem."

The truth is that Burns was politically and morally a mass of inconsistency. He felt passionately about causes, but kept changing them. He supported the French Revolution to the extent of financing a consignment of cannon to the sans-culottes. But then he went off it. He was lyrical and stirring about Scotland, but had to temper his radicalism when he began to work for the Government as an exciseman. He was an early feminist, championing the rights of women, but treated them abominably, fathering nine illegitimate children and leaving some of them without support. He complained constantly about poverty but died reason-ably well-off. He called himself a man of the people but was a highly placed Freemason, a member of the Royal Dumfries Volunteers and the Royal Company of Archers: two of his sons became colonels in the army of the East India Company and both retired to

Perhaps, in the end, it is safest to fall back on the work and not the man. We should mark this 200th anniversary by celebrating the early poetry, which is the richest, the Merry Muses which are the bawdiest, the later songs which are the most lyrical, and the letters which are the most human part of him. We should forget that he has been taken prisoner and exploited by successive generations of propagandists and pundits and remember instead the enormous pleasure his verse has given to people who would never otherwise count themselves poetry-lovers. And we should leave him with the last, lyrical word, a stanza which Walter Scott thought contained "the essence of a thousand love-tales":

Had we never lov'd sae kindly, Had we never lov'd sae blindly! Never met - or never parted -We had ne'er been broken-hearted.

non-runner

GRANADAS victory over Forte bas brought on a bout of nerves in France. The country's leading already working out the odds for racing event, the Prix de l' Arc de Triomphe, is at stake - Forte is its

sponsor.
Yesterday are French Jockey Club said that it was concerned for the race's future. Gerry Robinson, the chief executive of Granada, has said that he does not intend to continue sponsoring the race.
"Clearly, Granada does not

want to take over and we will be in the market looking for a sponsor, said Louis Romaner, a director of the French Jockey Club. "It is a difficult economic situation to look for sponsors." The previous sponsor was the Aga Khan's Ciga hotel group which ran into finan-

cial difficulties. Forte's sponsorship gave Sir Rocco the chance to throw one of the most lavish parties of the year at the Arc, which takes place at the beginning of October. Guests were flown in from all over the world. Regulars included Lord Lichfied. Lord Rothschild, the Duke of Mariborough and Pamela Harriman, and an interest in racing was not a prerequisite.

This year's race seems safe -Forte is contracted to sponsor the the future.

Class apart

HARRIET HARMAN and her young son Joseph's schooling will soon be eclipsed by a new educational scandal. A faction of the



National Union of Students has accused Jeremy Paxman of perpet-uating the class divide. The slur comes in a motion sub-

mitted by five colleges of further education for the NUS conference in March: "This conference be-lieves the perpetuation of the class divide has been prolonged by the reintroduction of University Challenge." Further education colleges should be allowed on the show and Paxman should be replaced by the winsome presenter of Pets Win Prizes, Dale Winton. Paxman sympathises but says

there are already too many competitors. "I'm a great admirer of Dale Winton, though. Why stop there? Let's have Anthea Turner for Mastermind. Or Bernard Manning for Brain of Britain."

◆ The BBC's gripping documentary, The House, about the carnage backstage at the Royal Opera House, is considered essential viewing. Rehearsals at the Welsh National Opera in Cardiff were cancelled so the cast could watch last night's episode.

Armani weeds

ARMANI suits are flapping after the arrival by post at the London offices of the advertising agency Ogilvy & Mather of a large package. Addressed simply to the In-



formation Technology Department, it was opened and found to contain six and a half kilos of cannabis with an estimated street value of close to £30,000. Police have been called.

A spokesman for the company refuses to comment on the investigation. But one employee tells me: "It's very weird. Some people here are suggesting it was sent to help the creative process. Now it just seems an awful waste."

 John Major's statement yesterday in Prime Minister's Question Time, "Tough on hypocrisy, tough on the causes of hypocrisy." floored Tony Blair as he tried to steer debate away from Harriet Harman. Credit for the soundbite goes to Major's political secretary Howell James (a good friend of Labour spin-merchant Peter Mandelson), and his assistant George Bridges. "It was a collabo-

rative effort - and they're pleased as punch," says a source.

McNasty back ILIE NASTASE, the Romanian tennis player whose outbursts on court were exceeded only by those of John McEnroe, is to swing into action again, in Scotland. At 49, he will play in a Legends event at the World Doubles Cup at Craiglockhart in May.

Although he has been elected a

member of Romania's ruling Social Democrat party and last week announced plans to run for mayor. of Bucharest, he hasn't lost a delight in gamesmanship that has seen complaints about him even on the over-35 tour. He plans to take to the court in a kilt.

Lord's forte

AMONG the supporters rallying behind the diminutive Lord Forte this week will have been the nuns at St Mary's School, Ascot. All five of Lord Forte's daughters were convent girls and he proved to be a generous benefactor in his own way -- he funded a new refectory.

Giancarla, his second youngest daughter and a lively gel, did not last the course, however. She was expelled from the school after setting off the fire alarm at midnight



and running off in her voluminous regulation nightciress. Then, as now with Granada's victory, the nuns turned to St Jude, the patron saint of lost causes.

 Royals will be gathering at All Saints Church at St Paul's Walden, Hertfordshire, on Saturday for the funeral of the Hon Lady Bowes Lyon, one of the Queen's only two remaining aunts, who died at the weekend, aged 89. She was the sister-in-law of the Queen Mother, who lived at St Paul's Walden Bury as a child and was convinced there were fairies at the bottom of the garden.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Mr James McFarlane

Sir, Managers are always selective in

choosing players for a football team.

an orchestra or a play. Nobody would

think there was any sense in fielding mixed-ability teams. Children with athletic, musical and artistic talents

are recognised, trained and encour-

aged, amongst those of similar abil-

ties. Nobody seeks deliberately to

submerge them in the average.

So if this selection is all right, I wonder why the Labour Party thinks

it is all wrong to do the same for

children with mental talents. Why are

they to be suppressed and denied the

chance to develop amongst those of similar interests and aptitude? I wish

Sir. As a sixth-form student at St

Olave's I commend Ms Harman's

decision in choosing this school for

her son. I am sure that he will benefit,

as I have, from the excellent range of

follow Ms Harman's lead. Grammar

schools admirably serve the needs of

able children from all backgrounds.

Were St Olave's to be forced to change

from its current voluntary-aided sta-

tus to become a fee-paying indepen-

dent school, this would debar many

boys with great academic potential

from attending. This potential prob-

lem under a Labour government would be exacerbated if the assisted

places scheme were terminated.

19 Hayne Road, Beckenham, Kent.

Sir, Of course Mrs Dromey and her

husband are entitled to send young

Dromey to the school of their choice —

I hope they are grateful to the Gov-

ernment for enabling them to do so.

Little Mill Cottage, Bures, Suffolk.

I think that the Labour Party should

Mr Blair would explain.

Yours very truly, JAMES McFARLANE,

24 Broad Street,

Ludlow, Shropshire.

From Mr Aaron Bell

opportunities here.

Yours faithfully,

From Mr S. C. Prvor

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ARMS AND THE MEN

Mitchell alone may not be enough to secure talks

Ireland, peace has depended more on building confidence by patient diplomacy than on great leaps forward. It would be too much to expect that the Mitchell report on decommissioning, to be unveiled today, will dramatically advance the peace process. The issues may be clarified by international negotiators but the responsibility for moving matters on still rests with the politicians: in Belfast, Dublin, and, most crucially, Westminster. John Major, in particular, must now consider how to maintain momentum.

Senator Mitchell and his two colleagues were asked to square a circle. Unionists originally argued that they would not enter talks while Sinn Fein/IRA apparently reserved the right, and certainly the resources, to return to violence if they did not get their way. Conscious of these concerns, the Northern Ireland Secretary, Sir Patrick Mayhew, outlined during a trip to America the key concession required of the paramilitaries before he was confident that all-party talks could begin. Washington Three, as it became known, stipulated at least a token surrender of weapons.

Sinn Fein/IRA regard Washington Three as a delaying tactic. They insist that their numbers give them the mandate to enter negotiations immediately. From Haifa to Harare, they argue, terrorists have kept their weapons until negotiations ended and 17 months of ceasefire should be seen as commitment enough to peace.

The Mitchell solution seems to be an attempt to get the British Government off the hook of Washington Three by substituting a new test for Sinn Fein/IRA's good faith. Sinn Fein is apparently to be asked to endorse the concept of "consent".

British ministers may be only too happy to find a more flexible route for Sinn Pein to

Since the guns first fell silent in Northern . will depend on how consent is defined. Any declaration from Sinn Fein would do nothing to assuage Unionist fears unless it recognised that the majority of Northern Ireland's voters must agree to any change. Sinn Fein cannot give such a guarantee without accepting the legitimacy of a Province it exists to oppose. So far it has sought refuge in ambiguity. It is unlikely to change now.

Given the elusiveness of agreement on what constitutes consent, other methods of inching towards inclusive talks may have to be explored. David Trimble, leader of the Ulster Unionists, has argued for the establishment of a body elected by the people of Northern Ireland in which all the parties

could explore positions and build trust. Significantly, he has already conceded that the IRA need not surrender any arms before Sinn Fein could sit in such a body. Moreover, it would not have to commit itself to a notion of consent at odds with its ideology.

Irish nationalists, from Fianna Fail to the SDLP and Sinn Fein, still see the convention as Mr Trimble's Trojan Horse. They suspect that any elected body would be used by the Unionists to reassert majority rule in Ulster. They should think again. The Unionists have accepted that any such body should have a short shelf-life, specifically to prevent it becoming another Stormont. To his credit the Taioseach, John Bruton, is believed to feel that such a body could have a role, if it operated alongside the two Governments and sought to build links across the border.

Establishing a constitutional convention would require risk-taking on Mr Major's part, but failing to see if such an initiative would work might pose graver risks. An elected body could concentrate minds and consolidate fragile trust. It does not deserve approach the negotiating table but much to be sidelined in the search for peace.

THE PLOT UNRAVELS

Events are scuppering Franco-German plans for Europe

The Maastricht strategy for European integration is "an historic stupidity". The treaty is "obsolete...dead", and the blueprint for Europe it represents is "an explosive mixture. of naive ultraliberalism and restrictive regulation" that "will end in disaster". Maastricht "should be renegotiated". Neither France nor Germany can possibly meet the criteria for European monetary union. Itwould be "no drama" if the timetable were

These rebellious utterances come not from one of John Major's "bastards". They come from the heart of the French Establishment. from Peugeot to the Societe Generale and the employers' federation and from some of the country's most prominent politicians. After more than three years of post-referendum silence on the subject of "European construction", unemployment, a stubbornly flat economy and social unrest have combined to break open floodgates of hitherto suppressed doubt about France's officially irrevocable commitment to the 1999 target for EMU.

Because the spending cuts he is seeking to impose are now indelibly associated in the public mind with Maastricht, the debate has become bound up with Alain Juppé's masterplan to overhaul France's welfare budget - and with his future as Prime Minister. The Juppé plan, already shredded by successive concessions to strikers and demonstrators, faces further constitutional challenges in the National Assembly this week. The EMU-sceptics range across the political spectrum, from Philippe Seguin, the Gaullist Speaker of the Assembly who is an old and close friend of President Chirac and a potential successor to M Juppé, all the way to Jean-Pierre Chevenement, the veteran

Socialist who is this week demanding a constitutional amendment confirming the franc as the currency of the French Republic.

Even Jacques Delors, keen as he was to blow the Euro trumpet at yesterday's launch of the publicity campaign for the new currency in Brussels, has begun to voice guarded doubts. The former President of the Commission has lost none of his passion for European integration. But as an economist, even he can see the risk that prolonged recession in France and Germany will wreck his grand project. He has begun to hint that if the EMU timetable slips, it will be no tragedy and that a sin: e currency should be seen not as an end in itself, only "a means to an end". This message is as relevant to Helmut Kohl, whose support for EMU is based on his dream of a federal Europe, as it is to France. M Chirac needs a German ladder down which to climb. Herr Kohl's interests lie in offering him one.

The French President's vague promise last weekend of a Franco-German drive to boost consumer spending, yet to be confirmed in Bonn, is pitifully irrelevant. It skirts the truth, which is that both Governments are floundering in their efforts to kickstart growth - and that both will continue to flounder so long as policy is driven by Maastricht's arbitrary targets. Both countries are shedding jobs by the hundreds of thousands; both Governments have politically difficult reforms to sell to their electorates. Neither has voters ready to die for Maastricht - let alone the euro. If Herr Kohl would only accept that the righting of Germany's domestic troubles takes priority over the EMU timetable, M Chirac would feel free to turn, with heartfelt relief, to those

THE FAMOUS FIVE PICK A DILLY

Never mind the quality of Enid Blyton, count the royalties

The Famous Five are Julian, Dick, George. Anne and, of course, Timmy the Dog. They find adventure and excitement wherever they go! How will they solve this latest mystery — the mystery of Trocadero pic?
"I'm scared," whimpered Anne. "This

tunnel is so dirty, and rude grown-ups keep pushing.""Buck up, old girl," panted Julian,
"Nearly there!" He was panting because a notice said he had to carry Timmy on the escalator. And Timmy was a large dog whose fail kept on annoying passengers who were hurrying impatiently past on the left.

At the top the children felt lost in the crowds. Until now their adventures had been in open-air settings such as mystery moors. And here they were at the heart of the bad city. They were better at camp-fires than at getting through the automatic ticketgates. And as soon as tomboy George had. seen how they worked, Timmy disgraced himself. A stern policeman fined Julian on

the spot of all their pocket-money.
"I have this place," sniffled Anne, "Why do we have to come here? And who is Trocadero? He sounds like a smuggler." "This is Piccadilly, explained Julian. "Uncle Quentin calls it the Heart of the Empire. I suppose those rough men in sleeping bags have come from its tocrags. When Uncle Quentin was a young man, on Boat Race night he put a policeman's helmet on the head of that statue of PS NOW IN HARDING the rude boy shooting an arrow. I have heard him tell the story when he was jolly after dinner. Trocadero is a famous company from Piccadilly. And it has bought our

copyright. So we have to get across the traffic

somehow to book in with the directors." "Do you mean that we no longer belong to Aunty Enid?" sobbed Anne. "We have been with her since 1942, and I don't feel a day older." "There, there, pretty little Anne," said Julian putting his arm round her. "It's not so bad. Aunt Enid's daughter is going to keep an eye on us. They say they are going to maximise our profitability and preserve the integrity of Aunt Enid's work and reputation."

"But does that mean that we are going to have to change our adventures, like our chum, silly little Noddy, who has lost his friend Dr Golly?" cried Dick. "I hear that Big Ears is having cosmetic surgery because

he upsets the aurally challenged." "No," said Julian, cheerfully. "We can carry on having a wonderful time and falling into adventure just as before. Cleverclogs sneer at us for being racist, sexist, mindless and determinedly middle-class. Other highbrows say our plots are fundamentally stunted and our characters never change. But they cannot argue with eight million Enid Blyton books still being sold every year, 27 years after Aunty went to the big Kirrin Island in the sky. We must be getting something right if so many children still love us. And now we have to solve our biggest mystery ever. How to cross Piccadilly Circus. If we can crack this adventure, Trocadero has a welcome-on-board beano for us with lashings of ginger pop and cake. Except that in its boardroom they serve a wizard new local lemonade called Hooch."

Government is obliged to pretend that comprehensives are doing a marvellous job - though not quite marvellous enough to send its own children

From Mr George Walden, MP for Buckingham (Conservative)

Sir. The explanation of Ms Harman's

decision is simple: the country is

living an educational lie. Like her, the

A similar hypocrisy characterises

So long as politicians conspire to

evade the truth, our Two-Nation edu-

cational culture will continue. Mean-

while, Ms Harman is merely obeying

the golden rule in British education:

sauve qui peut. Like all Tarrufferie,

her flounderings have their comic

Yours faithfully, GEORGE WALDEN, House of Commons.

From Mr Jacques A. Arnold,

MP for Gravesham (Conservative)

Sir, The contradictions of Labour's

education policy have been high-

lighted by the recent activities of

Her choice to put forward her son

for selection by a grant-maintained grammar school in a Conservative

borough would not be available under

the Labour policy which she has yet

Under that policy, she would effectively be restricted to the choice she

has already rejected for herself: that

between schools in her local Labour

Last night the House of Commons

voted for a Conservative policy which

provides new opportunities for grant-maintained schools to finance their

Ms Harman voted with Labour to

deny schools like St Olave's those op-

portunities. Having accepted a place

in the school one week, she opposes its

ability to finance its development the

January 22

Harriet Harman.

again supported.

capital programmes.

Yours faithfully, JACQUES ARNOLD,

House of Commons.

borough.

many a dinner-party conversation on

Harriet Harman's selection of St Olave's for her son

Sir. The important issue in the debate on Harriet Harman's decision to send her son to a grammar school (reports and leading articles, January 22, 23) is that she is a senior member of a poli-tical party committed to the abolition of selection for schools on the basis of As a member of a future Labour

From Mr John Adebivi

government. Ms Harman will thus seek to deprive my children of the opportunities of which she so readily avails herself for her own.

One of the principal reasons that St Olave's School in Orpington is capable of providing such a good edu-cation for its pupils is that it has been able to select the most able and moti-

vated candidates.
In its ideologically motivated pursuit of equality at all costs, the Labour Party threatens the disappearance of such centres of excellence, leaving children from all backgrounds with few alternatives to the mediocrity and under-achievement which seem prevalent in so many of our schools.

If selection produces schools with standards high enough for the children of Labour politicians, then it is Labour education policy rather than selective schools which must change.

Yours faithfully, JOHN ADEBIYI, 30 Cranbrook Road, January 23.

From Dr Richard Turner

Sir, It would be quite wrong for Harriet Harman to prejudice the edu-cation of her child now just because she hopes to establish a better education system based on a different principle at some time in the future.

I have worked all my life to improve the National Health Service; but similarly, if the NHS could not provide me with the treatment I needed when I needed it, I would have no hesitation in looking to the private

Yours sincerely, RICHARD TURNER, 68 Duchy Road. Harrogate, North Yorkshire. January 22.

Maxwell and Labour

From Mr David Winnick, MP for

Walsall North (Labour)

Bespectacled drivers' jobs at risk

From Lieutenant Colonel A. G. G. Miller (retd)

they killed someone?

If we assume the probabilities in

life every three years. However, I

suspect that the actual probabilities

are lower by orders of magnitude and

that the chances of this legislation

The endorsement of the legislation

by the Department of Transport is

Kidney patients' plight

Sir. It was reassuring to read (report,

later editions, January 9) that the Health Secretary. Stephen Dorrell,

recognised the unacceptable regional

variations in health care provision.

The need for urgent action is empha-

sised by your report, Dialysis shortfall kills hundreds (January 22), in

which Professor Stewart Cameron

calls for an end to the tragic situation

where 1,000 people die each year.

There is indeed a need to improve

renal services; surely this latest in-

formation will prompt the minister to

act swiftly.
It is to be hoped that the inequitable

situation where the uptake of new

end-state renal patients of 39.6 per

million population in Merseyside, 44.3 pmp in the Oxford region and

well below the minimum uptake re-

commended by the Renal Association

in many other areas (compared with

108.6 pmp in Wales) will be promptly

addressed by better planning and

As today's report points out, we are still awaiting publication of the Renal Service Review, completed in Septem-

ber 1994 and held back by the

Department of Health after a lengthy

It is believed the review will be the

first all-embracing study of renal dis-

ease in this country, which is cur-

rently 21st in the European league

table for providing quantity of care.

sojourn in the Treasury.

Yours faithfully,

F. HOWARTH,

6 Stanley Street,

Co-Chairmen,

January 22

DAVID POULTER.

National Kidney Federation.

Worksop, Nottinghamshire.

funding.

From the Co-Chairmen of the

National Kidney Federation

saving a life are negligible.

Sir. Much is being written again about the character and behaviour of Sir, You report (January 19) that thousands of lorry and bus drivers the late Robert Maxwell in the light of the court case acquitting his two sons. who wear spectacles or contact lenses Isn't it of some interest that the two face losing their jobs because of a new things Maxwell certainly didn't suc-European directive that will force oullying and in inem to take eye were the Labour Party and the House uncorrected vision. The ruling has been justified on the ground that they might have an accident and kill someone if their glasses fell off or of Commons? While, alas, Maxwell was briefly a Labour MP he never managed, despite many efforts, to get elected to the national executive, and lenses fell out while driving. certainly failed in his attempts to get About 3,500 lives are lost each year

another and winnable seat. on the roads in the UK - fewer pro-As for the Commons, no commentportionately than in most other adators have ever suggested that Maxvanced nations in the world. How well's characteristic contemptuous many of these deaths were caused by manner towards others ever made lorries or buses, driven by shortmuch of an impact in the House, or sighted drivers, whose glasses fell off and who then could see so little that

was ever likely to do so. But then, of course, he didn't own

DAVID WINNICK. House of Commons. January 22.

African jaunt

From Mr Robert Boyd

Sir. I was delighted to read (report, January 19) that two pilots have set off in a 60-year-old Tiger Moth on a repeat of Alan Cobham's pioneering flight to Cape Town in 1926.

I remember standing, as a small boy, alongside a cleared strip in the bush close to Livingstone, to watch Cobham land. He did not, as your map might indicate, land at Victoria Falls; instead, he overflew the falls, and in so doing got water from the continual spray into his fuel. This caused his engine to misfire and much concern amongst those awaiting his landing.

Yours etc, ROBERT BOYD, 7 Acorn Drive. Wokingham, Berkshire. January 19.

Interest rate cuts

From Mr Carl M. Chambers

Sir, We may have been surprised by the timing of the interest rate cut (reports, January 19), but surely no one can be surprised by the extent. There is tremendous political advantage in cutting rates by one quarter of a per cent at a time rather than half a per cent or more, ie, the Chancellor gets at least twice as many chances to appear on TV and the radio proclaiming lower interest rates.

Whether that is what the long-term economy needs is a different matter but what's long term in an election year?

CARL M. CHAMBERS. Flat 4, Id Vermont Street, Hull.

Letters for publication may

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be faxed to 0171-782 5046.

Norris, the Transport Minister, no conception of probability? Idiotic legislation such as this must be stopped. Has he not given a thought to the countless safe and blameless drivers who may now lose their jobs? What of their lives and self-respect and the

effect, on their families, of this legislation? Where will this sort of thinking end? Train and taxi drivers must surely be next, and then what is to stop Mr Norris from imposing similar rules on private car drivers as well? Has Mr

Norris any idea of how many short-

sighted drivers there are who wear

Yours faithfully. ALISTAIR MILLER, Cromwell House, Lulworth Cove, Dorset. January 21.

each instance to be one in ten then this From Lord Campbell of Croy EC intervention may save about one Sir, With acknowledgement to the late Dorothy Parker,

Men won't get passes in tests, wearing glasses.

Yours faithfully, CAMPBELL of CROY. House of Lords. both ignorant and craven. Has Mr

Speaking for London

From Sir Alan Greengross

Sir, A first leader in *The Times* (January 27) is a powerful weapon, but how sad that, when the site for the Millennium Exhibition is at stake, there is no body that speaks for London, nor strategic powerhouse to make its case.

For how much longer must London, which you rightly call the finest capital in Europe", also be the only one that is denied its own democratically elected heart and voice?

Yours faithfully, ALAN GREENGROSS (Chairman), The Institute for Metropolitan Studies, University College London, 26-29 St Cross Street, ECl. January 17.

Disk trouble

From Mr Simon Dobbs Sir. Dr Landes (letter, January 17)

adopts a rather holier than thou attitude to the backing up (copying in preparation for inevitable data loss) of computer hard disks. This is all well and good, but I am afraid that the main reason most users do not back up their disks is neither laziness nor ignorance, but economics.

If I backed up everything on my modest 500-megabyte disk it would cost about £300 whatever method I used, which to my mind is a significant sum. So I run the gauntlet of mains spikes, thunder and lightning, and fate.

Yours. S. T. DOBBS. 3 Warwick Close. Market Harborough, Leicestershire.

Shortage of beds for acutely ill

From Professor John A. Dormandy and others

Sir. Potential patients should be aware of the crisis in the level of medical care available in southwest London, a crisis attested to by the vast majority of our consultant colleagues (report and leading article, January 12). This is principally due to the reduction in numbers of hospital beds as NHS funding has been diverted to community care, alongside an increase in the demand for hospital-

The number of patients requiring emergency or urgent hospital admission has increased year round. There has been no reduction in the number of patients needing admission for elective surgery despite a greater use of day surgery. We now have an average bed occu-

pancy of 95 per cent. This is incompatible with safe medical practice because we cannot accommodate the inevitable fluctuations in emergency and urgent cases. Some patients have to be discharged early and some have to wait on trolleys in the accident and emergency department for beds, even overnight. Patients are cancelled without notice on the morning of "planned" admissions for which both they and their families have prepared Many patients with urgent but nonemergency conditions cannot be ad-

Central directives about Patient's Charter standards tell us to admit patients, even with relatively minor conditions, if they have waited 12 months or if they have had two previous admissions cancelled. These admirable ideals should surely not take priority over emergencies or serious conditions needing urgent treatment.

Our hospital managers and the local health purchasers are doing their best to solve these problems, but to no avail. Their extent and chronic nature must be understood at the highest levels within the NHS. The simple truth is that insufficient resources are allocated for the care of patients with acute conditions requiring urgent admission to hospital. There must be reinvestment to ensure that the Patient's Charter standard is consistent with our ability to maintain a comprehensive 24-hour emergency service and a high standard of inpatient care.

Yours faithfully, JOHN A. DOŘMANDY (Chairman of Surgical Service Centre, St George's Healthcare NHS Trust). MARK WANSBROUGH-JONES Chairman of Medical Service Centre, St George's Healthcare NHS Trust). M. SEMPLE

Medical Director, Er NHS Trustj. R. COURTNEY-EVANS

Medical Director, Mayday Healthcare NHS Trusti. St George's Hospital,

Blackshaw Road, SW17. January 17.

From the Chief Executive of Manchester Health Commission

Sir, Faced with the short-term imperative to ensure sufficient hospital beds are available for patients requiring emergency admission. NHS man-agers should not forget the increasing number of hospitals. particularly those in cities, which report a significant proportion of their beds being occupied by people no longer requir-

ing medical or nursing care. These patients have been clinically discharged and are waiting for other agencies, primarily social services, to organise facilities or services to be provided at home before they can leave hospital. In Manchester up to 10 per cent of the city's acute hospital

beds are occupied by such people. This problem will increase in magnitude and raises questions about the future organisation and working together of health and social services at national and local levels.

Yours faithfully, NEIL GOODWIN. Chief Executive. Manchester Health Commission, Gateway House, Piccadilly South. Manchester. January 16.

Present helpers

From Mr Richard J. Butler

Sir. If thanks can be given to God for the mixed blessings of the motor car [reports, January 18; letters, January 22] should we perhaps reflect on other suitable machines for such praise? I would suggest the domestic washing machine, which saves much drudgery without the associated killing and

Yours faithfully, RICHARD J. BUTLER. Hyndburn, 29 Villa Road, Bingley, West Yorkshire. January 19.

Standing for gallantry From Mr Anthony Gore

Sir, Had Giles Coren been faced by two women on the Tube (letters, January 20) he could have solved his problem in the manner of the old gentleman in the (Edwardian) Punch cartoon: "May I offer the elder of you two ladies my seat?"

Yours faithfully. ANTHONY GORE. 11 Oaklea, Honiton, Devon. January 21.



COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM, NORFOLK January 23: Mrs Robert de Pass has succeeded the Lady Susan Hussey as Lady in Waiting to The

BUCKINGHAM PALACE January 23: The Princess Royal was represented by Mr Brian Peppian at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Air Marshal Sir John Lapsley which was held in St Clement Danes Church. London WC2, today.

CLARENCE HOUSE January 23: Dame Frances Campbell-Preston has succeeded the Lady Angela Oswald as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE January 23: Princess Alexandra

Birthdays today

Mr Eric Ashion, rugby league coach, 61; Miss Nora Beloff, author. 77: Mr Harry Brett former general secretary, Prison Gov-ernors Association, 49: Lieutenant-General Sir Anthony Denison-Smith, 54: Mr Neil Diamond, singer and actor, 51: Mr Bamber Gasenigne, author and broad-caster, 61: Mr Peter Laister, company director, 67; Mr M.J. Le May. banker, 38: Dr Desmond Morris coologist, writer and broadcaster.
68: Sir Donald Murray, former
Lord Justice of Appeal, Northern
Ireland, 73: Dr. lan Oliver, Chief Constable, Grampian, 56; Lord Savile, 77; Dr Jane Somerville, cardiologist, 63; the Most Rev J.A. Ward, Archbishop of Cardiff, 67: Air Commodore Sir Archie Winskill, former Captain of The Queen's Flight, 79.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Hadrian, Roman Em peror II7-138, Italica, Spain, AO76; William Congreve, dramanist, Bardsey, Yorkshire, 1670; Fred-crick II the Great, King of Prussia 1740 ft. Boulin 1773. Chaples 1740-86, Berlin, 1712; Charles James Fox, statesman, London. 1749: Sir Edwin Chadwick, phy-sician and social reformer, Longsight, Lancashire, 1800.

DEATHS: Lord Randolph Churchill. statesman, London, 1895; Amadeo Modigliani, painter and sculptor, Paris, 1920; Sir Winston Churchill, Prime Minister 1940-45 and 1951-55. London, 1965. Conscription was introduced in Britain, 1916.

Dinners

Foundation for Science and Technology

Mr Ian Taylor, Minister for Science and Technology, was present at a lecture and dinner discussion of the Foundation for Science and Technology held last night at the Royal Society. Lord Butterworth. cil, was in the chair. Sir Giles Shaw, MP, Professor Peter S. Harper and Dr Helen Watt were the speakers.

The Emmanuel Society

A dinner for past and present lawyers of Emmanuel College Cambridge, was held at the Re form Club on Tuesday, January 23. (996, by permission of Mr Nat Solomon. The Right Hon Lord Parkinson, Mr Derek Finlay. Sir David Williams, QC. and the Master of the College, the Right Hon Lord St John of Fawsley. spoke. Among those present were: The President of the Emmanuel Society. Professor Derek Brewer. Officers of the Society and some one hundred members of the college including past and present Fellows in Law.

is on your lips and the falls that God raised him from the dead is in your heart, you will find salvation.

Romans 10: 9 (REB).

BROWN - On January 16th to Kathy and Adrian, a son Robert John Rae, a brothe

to name to the late of the lat

Mary.

DAVEY/ROBB - On 20th
January 1996 at Mayday
Hospital. to Rachel and
Kevin. a beautiful son.
Coorse Douglas John.

GRIFFITH-JONES - On

charming daughter.

#ARMS - On 21:3 January
1996, to Keren and David, a
daughter. Louise Rachel
Jane. a sister for Robert.

Fiske), a daughfer, Lily Margaret Jene, a sister for

KARLSSON - On January

Michelle Marie was welcomed by Rose Marie.

KIRKPATRICK - On Jamery 16th. to Miranda (not Fitzwilliam-Lay) and

January, in Halifax, to Maithew and Siân, a third daughter, Hannah Eleanor Quinlan, a sister for Rebecca

PARTON - On 17th January

JOHNSON - On 21st Jan 1996, to Peter and Suzie

BIRTHS

this afternoon opened the Cul-peper Shop at 48 High Street. Windsor, and was received by Mr

ant of the Royal County of Berkshire). Her Royal Highness. Patron of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, subsequently met Forte Heritage fundraisers at the Castle Hotel, High Street, Windsor.

David Simonds (Deputy Lieuten-

The Queen has been graciously pleased, on the retirement of Sir Kerneth Scott, to appoint Mr Robin Janvrin Deputy Private Secretary and Mrs Mary Francis Assistant Private Secretary to Her

The Queen has been graciously pleased, on the resignation of Mr Maurice Dalton, to appoint Mrs Lesley Dean Assistant Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen, as Honorary Air Commodore, will visit RAF Marham at 11.30. The Princess Royal, as Colonel-in-Chief of The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment, will visit the 1st Battalion at Lucknow Barracks, Tidworth, at 11.00 prior to deployment to Rosnia Princess Margaret, as patron, will visit London Lighthouse. Lan-caster Road, Wil, at noon for the inauguration of its tenth anniver-

Today's events

The Queen's Life Guard mounts at Horse Guards at 11.00. The Queen's Guard mounts at Buck-ingham Palace at 11.30.

Luncheons Canada-UK Chamber of

Mr Roy MacLaren, Canadian Minister of International Trade, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Canada-United Kingdom Chamber of Commerce held yesterday at Ironmongers' Hall. Mr Timothy Bantle, president, was in the chair. The Canadian High Commissioner, the Agents General for British Columbia and Quebec and Lord Shaughnessy were among

Mid-Atlantic Club/ ESU Lord Ezra presided at a luncheon Speaking Union held yesterday at Dartmouth House. Mr Helmut Sonnenfeldt was the guest of honour and speaker.

Newspaper Society The Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster was the guest of honour at a luncheon of the Newspaper Society held yesterday at Bloomsbury House, Great Russell Street, Mr Geoffrey Copernan, president the Eastern Counties Newspapers

Group, was the host. Among those present were:

The Managing Director of Lancashire Publications, the Managing Director of the CN Group. Cumbria, the Chairman of Southnews, the Managing Director of Home Counties Newspaper Holdings, the Group director of the Midland News Association, the London Editor of the Weiverhumpton Express and Star, the director, the deputy director and head of government and legal affairs, and the head of employment affairs, Newspaper Society, the Editor of the Cambridge Evening News, the Chairman of Portsmouth and Sunderland Newspapers, the Director of Information, Duchy of Lancaster, the Deputy Chairman of Emap and a director of Thomson Regional Newspapers. present were:

Yellow and purple hellebores win RHS gold medal

Colours of winter draw the crowds

By Alan Toogood HORTICULTURE

THE plants that seem to be attracting the crowds at the Royal Horticultural Society's flower show are hellebores the increasingly fashionable evergreen winter-flowering perennials that include Lenten and Christmas roses.

Many exhibitors have in-cluded them among other winter-flowering plants and bulbs, but Ashwood Nurseries, of Kingswinford, West Midlands, has taken hellebores to heart and produced its own strain called "Ashwood Garden Hybrids". The Ashwood stand, with its hellebore hybrids featuring prominently and arranged among bold drifts of Cyclamen coum in the nursery's own selection of pink, magenta and white shades, has been

awarded a gold medal. The Ashwood heliebores boast new colours such as vellow and some really dark purple shades, and larger flowers. Some have outwardfacing instead of downwardfacing flowers and others are heavily spotted with contrast-

Other exhibits at this show, which opened yesterday in Westminster, embrace the wide range of flowers, foliage and bark that can provide winter colour in gardens. Lincluden Nursery, of Bisley Green, Surrey, has dispelled the myth that conifers are sombre by staging a very colourful display, for which it has been awarded a gold medal. The varieties range from bronze cryptomerias. through gold thujas to bright yellow conifers such as *Abies* nordmanniana "Golden

The exhibit of dwarf bulbs from Broadleigh Gardens, of Bishop's Hull, Somerset, includes a collection of Narcissus bulbocodium and its varieties, the hoop petticoat daffodil with shallow bellshaped flowers. The variety mesatlanticus is outstanding with its butter yellow flowers that smell strongly of apri-

honour at the annual reception of Nahat (National Association

of Health Authorities and

Trusts) held last night at the

Queen Elizabeth II Conference

Professor Michael Schofield.

chairman, welcomed the guests.

The centenary of the burial of

Fredrick Lord Leighton will be commemorated at Evening Prayer

at 5.00pm on Saturday, February

Fredrick Lord

3. in St Paul's Cathedral.

Leighton

Reception

Nahat



cots. Glebe Cottage Plants. of Warkleigh, Devon, is showing a winter-flowering periwinkle. Vinca difformis, with the palest blue starry flowers, an ideal plant for a container as it has both erect and trailing stems.

showing trees and shrubs for winter colour and interest, including Bluebell Nursery, of Blackfordby, Leicester-shire, which is featuring a new hally, Ilex aquifolium "Calypso". It was discovered as a variegated shoot on an ordinary holly in a local hedgerow and the nursery propagated and named it.

Several exhibitors are

The cultivar is distinctive, as its foliage is boldly splashed with gold, contrasting well with the dark stems.

Burncoose Nurseries. of Redruth, Cornwall, is showing many other variegated foliage shrubs in its gold medal display. Pittosporums mingle with camellias that include its own Camellia x williamsii "Burncoose", a compact, floriferous cultivar with single pink flowers.

Mrs M. Best, of Brookmans Park, Hertfordshire, a prizewinner in the Royal Horticultural Society's ornamental plant competition, won a special distinction.

Among her_exhibits is a very pale yellow form of Chimonanthus praecox (winter sweet). So impressed were the judges with this rarely seen form that it was given an award of merit by the RHS Floral B Committee subject to

submission of a clonal name. There is also a display by botanical artists. A gold med-al has been awarded to Jenny Jowett, of Silchester, Berkshire, for watercolour paintings of Galanthus and new species of Epimedium.

The show, in the New Horticultural Hall, Greycoat Street, Westminster, is open today from 10am to 5pm.

Memorial services

Mr Stephen Dorrell, Secretary of State for Health, was the guest of The Princess Royal was rep sented by Mr Brian Peppian at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Air Marshal Sir John Lapsley held vesterday at St Clement Danes, Strand, The Rev P. Bishop officiated, Mr John Fairrie, son-inlaw, and Mr Peter Lapsley, son, read the lessons. Air Commodore P.M. Stean, and Captain P.M.C. Vincent, half-brother, paid tribute. The Right Rev Frank Cocks pronounced the blessing. Among those present were:

tinose present were Lady Lapsley widowi. Mrs John Fairne (daughter). Mrs Peter Lapsley (daughter) Mrs P Mr V Vincent (haif sister) ir. law. Clare and Douglas Lapsley and Michael and Fenella Fairne (grandchildren). Mr Jumes Lapsley. Mr John Lapsley. Mr and Mrs S Stapely. Mr and Mrs G Smith.

Marshai of the RAF Sir John Grandy.
Marshai of the RAF Sir Denis Spotswood. Admiral Sir William O'Brien. Air Chief Marshai Sir Millam O'Brien. Air Chief Marshai Sir Millam Sir Christopher Foxley-Norris (chairman, Bantle of Britain Fighter Association). Air Chief Marshai Sir Roger Palin (RAF Benevolent Fundi. Air Chief Marshai Sir Roger Palin (RAF Benevolent Fundi. Air Chief Marshai Sir Lewis Hodges (RAF Escaping Society). Air Chief Marshai Sir Lewis Hodges (RAF Escaping Society). Air Chief Marshai Sir Neli and Lady Wheeter.

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wheeler.

Air Marshai Sir Harold Maguire.

Air Marshai Sir Charles and Lady
Soular, Air Marshai Sir Edward and
Lady Gonton Jones. Air Marshai Sir
Timothy Garden. Sir Rek Hunt, Lady
wykeham. Air Vice-Marshai P T
Squitze. Air Vice-Marshai J Group).

Air Vice-Marshai A L. Roberts
(chairman, RAF Coastal Command
Association). Air Vice-Marshai B
Robinson and Wing Commander D C
Roome (74 Squadron Association)

with Mrs Robinson.

Air Commodore M J Evans (RAF

A memorial service for Mr Ivor Sinctair Turnbull, Founder, Publisher and Editor of Antiques Trade Gazette, was held vesterday at St Bride's, Fleet Street, Canon John Oates officiated, Mr Mark Bridge. Editor of Antiques Trade Gazette read the lesson and Mr Huon Mallalieu read from the works of T.S. Eliot. Mr Brand

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.A. Asquith and Miss A.C.M. Neal

The engagement is announced Hon Paul Asquith and of the Hon Mrs Asquith, of Pulham, London. and Alexandra, daughter of Mr and Mrs Morton Neal, of Sarratt,

M B. Bombarde and Miss C. Gough

The engagement is announced between Bruno eldest son of M and Mme A. Bombarde, of St Die, France, and Caroline, only daughter of the late Dick Gough and of Mrs Mary Gough, MBE, of Hartest, Suffolk. Mr A.T. Brown and Miss J.M.L. Brown

The engagement is announced between Alec. son of Mr and Mrs C.C. Brown, of Bedford, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.C.L. Brown, of Wimbledon, London.

The Hon W.E. Buckley and Miss E.L. Clements

The engagement is announced between William, only son of Lord and Lady Wrenbury, of Dalling ton, East Sussex, and Emma. only daughter of Mr Peter Clemenson, of West Wittering, West Sussex, and of Mrs Anthony Robinson, of South Clifton, Notinghamshire.

Mr L. Denys and Miss F. Wingate The engagement is announced between Liston, fifth son of Mr and Mrs André Denys, of Beckton, East London, and Prances, daughter of Mr Nigel Wingate and Mrs Kathleen Priestley, both of

Mr J.C.H. Frost and Miss H.S. Mitchell The engagement is announced between Julian, elder son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Frost, of Sible Hedingham, Essex, and Helen daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Mitchell, of Felpham, West Sussex.

Lavinia Duchess of

Norfolk, LG A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk, LG, will be held in the Cathedral of Our Lady and St Philip Howard, Arundel at 2.30pm on Friday, March 1, 1996. Admission is by ticket only. Please apply to The Dover House, Poling, Arundel, West Sussex, BN18 9PK, by Feb-ruary 12, 1996.

Professor Donald Coleman

A Memorial Event for Professor Donald Coleman, Litt D, FBA, formerly Fellow of Pembroke College and Professor of Economic History in the University of Cambridge, will be held in the Old Library, Pembroke College, at 230pm on Saturday, February 3. 1996. Tea will be served in College afterwards. All those wishing to attend are invited to inform The Tutor, Pembroke College, Cam-bridge, CB2 1RF (Telephone 01223-338124: Fax 01223-338163) by January 29, 1996.

Frank Cvitanovich

A celebration of the life and career of Frank Cvitanovich, the TV and film director, will be held at St James, Piccadilly, at Ilam on Tuesday, February 20, 1996.

Evening Prayer

Mr Christopher Bedingfield, QC Evening prayer in memory of Mr Christopher Ohl Macredie Bed-ingfield, QC, Recorder of the Crown Court and Master of the Bench of Gray's Inn, was held yesterday evening in the Chapel of Gray's Inn. Canon Eric James officiated. Mr Anthony Butcher. ed. Mr Anthony Bu OC. Dean of Chapel, and Mr Conrad Dehn. QC, Treasurer, read the lessons. Lord Hooson. QC, gave an address.

and Miss C.M. Bickersteth The engagement is announced between Cameron, elder son of the Reverend and Mrs Ted Collington Strathkinness, Fife, and

Caroline, only daughter of the late Reverend John Bickersteth and of Mrs John Bickerstein. Ashburnham, East Sussex. Mr T.J. Hampden and Miss K. Hudson-Jones

The forthcoming marriage is announced between Tim, son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Hampden, of Wellington, Somer set, and Kathy, daughter of Mr and Mrs Eamonn Jones, of Sandhurst, Berkshire. Mr S. Oldfield

and Miss D. Maidment The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Rev and Mrs Oldfield, of Bolton, and Deborah, daughter of Captain and Mrs Maidment, of Stourbridge.

Mr S.L. Sheridan and Miss C.L. Musolf The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Squadron Leader Peter Sheridan, RAF reid, and Mrs Sheridan, of Whitchurch Hill, Oxfordshire, and Cheryl, daughter of Mr and Mrs Lewis Musolf, of Vienna, Virginia.

Mr H. Vint and Miss G.F. Dibben The engagement is announced between Hugo, younger son of Mr and Mrs David Vint, of Crickhowell, Powys, and Georgia Frances, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Dibben, of Malmesbury. Wiltshire.

Inner Temple

Mr Justice Langley, Judge Pitchers, Nigel Pascoe, QC, Oliver Sells, QC, Joanna Korner, QC, Kenneth Aylett, and Andrew Tidbury have been elected Masters of the Bench of the Inner Temple.

Church news

The Rt Rev John Perry, Suffragan Bishop of Southampton, diocese of Winchester, is to be Bishop of Chelmsford, succeeding the Rt Rev John Waine on his retirement. Other appoin

The Rev Rosanna Martin, Curate, Stanford-in-the-Vale w Goosey and Hatford: to be Assistant Curate in the Abingdon Team Ministry, w special responsibility for Long Purlong (Oxford).

The Rev Dr Susan Penfold, Hon Curate, Cononley w Bradley: to be also Associate Diocesan Director

of Ordinands (Bradford). The Rev Joy Porter, Curate, Chipping Norton w Over Norton (Oxford): to be Port Chaplain, Missions to Seamen, Hong Kong (diocese Hong Kong and Macao). The Rev Richard Salenius, Vicar. St John the Evangelist, Maccles-field (Chester): to be Vicar, Brightlingsea (Chelmsford). The Rev Roger Stillman, Rector, St Paul's, Wokingham: to be also part-time Chaplain, Wokingham Hospital (Oxford).

The Rev John Tipping, Priest-in charge. Mersham w Himshill and Sevington and Brabourne w Smeeth: now also Rural Dean of North Lympne (Canterbury). The Rev Nicholas Watson, licensed to officiate in the diocese of for the conventional district of Stockton on Tees Holy Trinity, Greenvale, and for ministry in lan Ramsey Church of England (Aided) Comprehensive School: to be Priest-in-charge, Stockton Holy Trinity, and Chaplain to Ian Ramsey School (Durham). The Rev Tony Whalley, Rector, Newton Longville w Stoke Hammond and Whaddon; to be Vicar.

Winslow w Great Horwood and Addington (Oxford).
The Rev Robert Avery: to be fulltime Curate, Great St Mary's Church, Cambridge (Ely). The Rev Nicholas Baines, Vicar, Rothley: to be also Rural Dean of Goscote (Leicester).

BMDS: 0171 782 7272 PRIVATE: 0171 481 4000

PERSONAL COLUMN

SMYTH-OSBOURNE - On January 21st. to Claudia wife of Julian, a son, Luke.

WILDSWITH - On 19th January 1996, to Stells mee Dyson) and Mart a son, Sam Edward, a brother for Katte. Robert and Harry. WILLIS FLEMING - On January 8th, to Melante infe Lawson) and Somerset, a daughter, Ella Lucy.

DEATHS

ALEXANDER - On lanuary 20th aged 3 months Charles Joshua, dear sweet son of Douglas and Rosie Alexander of Ripon and a treasured grandson. Service at Ripon Cathedral on Saturday January 27th at 11.45 am, followed by Internent at St John's Church, Sharow. Family flowers only please. Donallons, if desired, may be given to the Children's Heart Surgery Fund, Killingbock. Hospital, Leeds. A plate provided in the cathedral of Cof. Lowlay & Son List., 13 Low Skellgate. Ripon, North Yorkshire HG4 18E.

Yorkshire HGA 18E.

ASKE - Rebocca (note Fraser
Grant), of Worcester, passed
away peacefully on January
21st. Much loved wife of the
Reverend Sir Coulan Jake,
8.7, The funeral is to be held
at St. John's Parish Church
ob Wednesday January 31st
et 1.45 pm followed by
cremation at Worcester Cremation at Worcester. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to Cancer Research, c/o Bedwardine Funeral Service. 1 St Johns. Worcester, tel:

1 St Johns. Worceler, tel:
(01905) 748811.
BIRKSTED - Kai. D.S.O.
O.B.E. D.F.C. on January
21st peacefully at home.
beloved husband of Sonia.
dear father and grandfather
of ign. Sasha and Noah and
father-ip-law of Dana.
Cremation at Golders Green
Cremation at Golders Green
Crematorium. Hoop Latte, on
Friday 26th January at 12
aoon. Enquiries to
Levertons, 181 Haverstock
Hill. NW3, tel: (0171) 5864221. and Lydia.

SLAYTOR-VICE - Philippa
Vice and John Slaytor are
happy to aumounce the birth
of Mille on 11th January
1996 in Sydney. Australia:
Amelia Kate Slaytor.

DEATHS

FVAMS - On 20th January 1996 Lionel James Carlyon OHE, dearly loved husband of Euslan, father of Robin. Margaret and Janet and grandfather of Jasen. William, Sebastian, Fiona and Heywood. Private funeral, Fanning flowars only pieces. Thanksgiving Servica to be announced. All equiries to S.A. Bates Finneral Directors, 115 West Street, Dunstable, Beds. (01852) 663633.

FROST - On January 14th 1996 wisist on holiday in Majorca. Ronald. of Sidmouth, Deven, aged 86 years. Belowed husband of the laft Bessle, father of Richard, father-in-law of Patricia and dearly loved grandfather of Alexandra. grandfather of Alexandra. Timothy and Amanda. Cremation private. A Thanksolving Service will be held at All Saints Church. pen at AB Sames Church, Sidmouth on Saturday February 17th at 6 pm. Enquiries to Potbury's Funeral Service. bi: (01398) 613368

MALL - Anne (née Mathew-Lannowe), cherished wife of the late Philip Hall, died middenly hat poacetully in Bath on January 20th and 75. Much loved and mourned by family and friends, especially her sons; Neil and Richard, her describer to Jour Justing Neil and Michard. Her despiters in law: Lucinda and Joanna and Ber grandchildren Tarquin, Alemander. Bella. Rory and Joshua. Funeral arrangements (flowers of donations) lei: Jollys (01225) 426822.

HANN - Bertha Glennie
ARAM LRAM, daughter of
the lole Major and Mrs G.C.
Hamn, peacefully on 17th
January at Farnham,
Survey. Funeral 10.30 an
30th January St Andrew's
Church, Farnham, followed
by Crenation at Aldershot,
Family flowers only.
Donations to Musicians
Benevotent Fund. 16 Ogle
Street. London W1. If
desired.

HARRIS - Donald Bestram, aged 91. on 20th January 1996. Greathy loved by the family and many friends. Requirem funeral service at 51 Paul's, Wilton Place, SWI on Tuesday 30th January at 11.30 am. Family flowers only. Donations in memory for 51 Lube's Hospital for the Clergy. c/o Kenyons, 74 Rochester Row. London. SWIP LRL.

MERBRICER - On January 21st 1996. peacefully Altson Margaret, aged 86 years, daughter of the late F.G. Henniker almd Mrs A.R. Henniker almd Mrs A.R. Henniker of Woodbridge, Suffolk Funeral Service at Inswich Cremahorium, West Chagel, on Thunday January 30th at 2 pm.

HODGICHSON - Hostie (L: Commander RN DSC), beloved bushand of Wendy and Suffer of Peter High, Ianthe and Tim, died Monday January 22nd. Private family cremation. Thanksgiving Service to be

JERMAN - Kamisen Joy, of Kerry, near Newtown, of Saturday, 20th January 1996. Beloved wife of the late Noel Jerman C.B.E. Funeral service strictly private. A bubble memorial service will take place at St. Michael & All Angels Church, Kerry, on Sunday, 11th February at 3 pm. Donations to St. Michael's Church or Montgomery Medical Practice. Engulies please to Leach & Son. please to Leach & Son Lippidices Road, Newtown

JORES - On 18th January
1996 Ellem Gwynn, widow
of Reverend Harold Edward
Jones, formerly of The
Vicarage, East Gration,
Mariborough, Wilinhire,
Funeral Thursday int
February, service and
cremators at Kingadown
Crematorium, Swindon
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OBITUARIES

Norman MacCaig, OBE, poet, died yesterday aged 85. He was born on November 14, 1910.

NORMAN MacCAIG was one of the most important Scottish poets of this century Unlike his compatriot, Sorley MacLean, he was never tempted to experiment in Gaelic. Not was he particularly avant-garde in his use of rhyme or metre. During certain parts of his writing career, indeed, he wrote in quite a conventional manner. But mostly, he worked a creative middle ground between the traditional and the experimental.

Like John Donne, his formative influence, he was essentially a love poet, but not just in the romantic or erotic sense. He also wrote about the environment he knew and loved best: Edinburgh, and the Scottish countryside around Assynt, in southwest Sutherland, where he spent every summer. He dug deep in search not just of his own roots but of common human roots. His poems evoked a world of water and stone, small lochs, city streets at night, and among other enthusiasms — "grass-hoppers, fishes, snails and me".

He was the epitome of the absentminded poet. Ônce, travelling on a bus in Edinburgh, he was so lost in thought that he sat next to a pretty young woman without taking much notice of her. It was only after he got home that his amused daughter revealed that she had been the young woman in question.

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Norman Alexander MacCaig was born in Edinburgh and educated at the Royal High School and at Edinburgh University. His first book of poems was Far Cry. published by Routledge (as were all his earlier works) in 1943. Before that, his only substantial appearance in print had been in the anthology The White Horseman, edited by his fellow Celts J. F. Hendry and Henry Treece. It was subtitled "prose and verse of the new apocalypse", and had been published in 1941.

It can be assumed that Herbert Read took a fatherly interest in these neo-Romantic effusions, for the poets of the "new apocalypse" seem to have derived some of their political or antipolitical styles from his anarchism. Their poetical clothes, however, were then cut in the modish Dylan Thomas style. Thomas himself had a low opinion of it all, referring to the "apocalapse" and making dark jokes about not being able to "tell the wood from the Treece". MacCaig's nine poems in The White Horseman were no better or worse than most of the other contributions. He continued his apprenticeship in the clotted verse of

NORMAN MacCAIG



The Inward Eye, published in 1946. If the story had ended there, it would have been forgotten. MacCaig was, after all, 36 years old at the time of the publishing of The Inward Eye. and one could have assumed that his ways were set. A critical verdict then might have set him down as an incurable rhapsodist, a writer of incantatory rubbish. Times change, though, and poets grow up and recover from their first few bouts of language. After the Second World War — during which he was a conscientious objector — MacCaig was employed as a teacher in primary schools in Edinburgh. At the same time he worked away, refining the richness of his early outpourings, simplifying an almost irritable alertness of the senses in the interests of clearer communication. The poems in Riding Lights (1955) marked the emergence of a new poet:

Self under self, a pile of selves I stand Threaded on time, and with meta-

physic hand Lift the farm like a lid and see Farm within farm, and in the centre, me.

He was, as one critic remarked, the man who put the me in metaphysics. But the early verbal surface, as thick as glue and only slightly less gelatinous, was gone for ever. Riding Lights and The Sinai Sort (published by Hogarth in 1957, as were all his subsequent publications) showed a tougher intellectual manner. These were confident, clever, rhetorical poems, committed to the thoroughly Donneish notion that "hard feeling is true exercise for wit", and finding farfetched ways to break straws with the best of them: that straw

That shows the way the wind blows, from what start To some large ending in the human heart.

The poems in these books, however intricately fashioned, never give a sense of insincerity, but they do tend to talk to themselves somewhat exclusively, posing a number of questions that are elegant rather than urgent. Poem for a Goodbye and Gifts stand as MacCaig's best work from this time. They were poems with a pressure of lived experience behind them, carefully patterned shapes of sound and image where the very care seemed to test the gravity of what is being said. It was work like this that Edwin Muir was thinking of when he announced of MacCaig: "He is a real poet."

Six books followed during the 1960s: A Common Grace (1960), A Round of Applause (1962), Measures (1965), Surroundings (1966), Rings on a Tree (1968) and A Man in My Position (1969). Each book saw the poet growing less complicated, less ceremonious, less tense. The process looked like a gradual maturing, although it was not to everyone's taste. It was possible to suspect, for instance, that a poem like The Men from Assynt, originally commissioned by the BBC, represented a dilution of thoughts and feelings about landscape which would have been more stringently expressed in the days when the poet's musings were at least given backbone by the

demands of end-stopping rhyme.
In other poems — for example Numismatist, God in the Grass. and the title poem of A Man in My Position - even musing dwindled to a single thread, and one extended image was asked to do all the work. Norman Cameron used to manage this kind of thing excellently, but in MacCaig's hands it sometimes had less of a concentric clarity than a slightly lactitious air, as of fancy circumscribed in an attempt to make it mean something extra. The last five lines of Numismatist could even be taken as a metaphorical description of the activity:

But see me now blackjawed medieval smalltime

shaking gold coins in a bag for the pinch of rich dust

left in the bottom.

MacCaig's "gold coins" -- the counters and concepts of this poetry - had not lost their value. However, they did grow a bit smooth and he had to shake them harder and harder in the bag to get the required pinch.

in the bag to get the required pinch.

In 1967 he gave up his schoolteaching to become the first holder of the Writing Fellowship at the University of Edinburgh.

MacCaig proved immensely popular and successful in this capacity, and it was followed by another academic appointment in the University of appointment in the University of Stirling. His Selected Poems appeared in 1971. It showed the poet's own view of his work to be in accord with the commonly held critical opinion that his progress had been a sort of gradual paring down.

Sometimes, as in a slender piece of whimsy such as Flooded Mind, a single metaphor is turned inside out or upside down and then made to do the work of a poem, wandering down the page with a look of discovery which the actual language never quite reports.

This, though, is to criticise from the highest standards a genuine poet who threatened briefly to be a 20thcentury Donne in lines like these, from Foem for a Goodbye. When you go through

My absence, which is all of you, And clouds, or suns, no more can

be my sky. My one dissembling will be all -

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Of being this voice, this look, these few feet tall. In his later years MacCaig published less, particularly after the

death in 1990 of his wife. Isabel,

Collected Poems (1985), republished in 1990 to mark his 80th birthday, was all the same a substantial volume, and several critics hailed him then as the greatest living Scottish poet, the natural successor to his old friend Hugh MacDiarmid. MacCaig himself, while knowing his own worth, tended to be indifferent to praise and blame alike. It was typical of the man that on the eve of his 80th birthday he described on television his method of writing as just sitting down with a blank sheet of paper and letting his mind wander freely down the page, as he thought about places and friends. He liked to claim that it took him about as long to write a poem as to smoke a cigarette.

MacCaig was appointed OBE in 1979 and among other honours he was perhaps most pleased by having being made a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh in 1983. He spent all his adult life in Edinburgh. with the exception of the period at Stirling.

He was always his own man, and once declared in a poem called Patriot.

my only country is six leet high and whether I love it or not I'll die

for its independence. In his person, MacCaig was tall, thin, graceful, quizzical, gentle. He could be sarcastically witty in conversation but his epigrams seemed like the prickles of a hedgehog - something useful to protect an essentially shy nature. Some of them, delivered in a snapping voice at a poetry reading or just as likely on a windy Edinburgh street corner on a chance meeting with a friend, deserve to be remembered as much as anything he wrote: "Whenever I hear the word gun I reach for my culture."

He is survived by a son and a

blessing.

prayer. On March 26, 1969,

they went together to Rome to

Pope Paul VI. It received his

Ann Blaikie had converted

to Roman Catholicism before

her marriage, but she brought

an ecumenical vision to the

International Association of

Co-Workers, emphasising the

importance of excluding no

one on the grounds of creed,

In order to co-ordinate the

activities of co-workers

throughout the world, Mother

Teresa appointed Anne Blai-

kie her international link and

after the death of her husband

in 1974, she travelled to more

than 60 countries - ranging

from Iceland to Singapore.

Staying with local people, she

worked to spread (sometimes

in French) the message of

Mother Teresa. The spiritual

poverty of the West, she main-

tained, was a far more com-

plex problem to solve than the

material poverty of the so-

In 1988 Ann Blaikie retired

as international link for the co-

workers, yet she continued to

dedicate her life to others. Her

home in Wonersh. Surrey,

was open to all, particularly to

the young who came to seek her advice before leaving for

far distant countries to help

In her latter years Ann

the Missionaries of Charity.

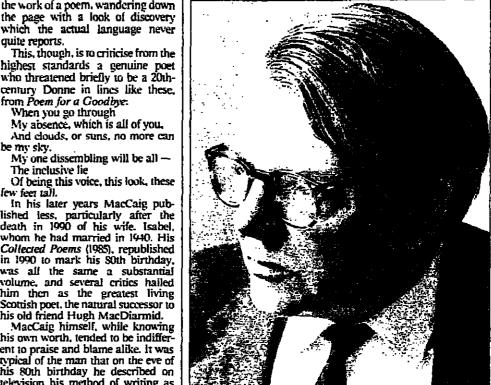
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GILES PLAYFAIR



Giles Playfair, author and penal reformer, died in Paris on January 17 aged 85. He was born on September 27, 1910.

GILES PLAYFAIR was a writer and broadcaster whose work was principally related to the theatre and to penal reform. He was the son of Sir Nigel Playfair, the well known actor-manager and proprietor of the Lyric Theatre. Hammersmith.

Brought up in the heart of theatrical and literary London in the 1920s, he counted among his godparents two of the most renowned stage stars of that time, Mrs Patrick Campbell and Henry Ainley. However, his father's determination that he should not follow in his own professional footsteps ensured that Playfair's involvement in the theatre in adult life was only peripheral.

Sent to school at Harrow. Giles William Playfair went up from there to Merton College, Oxford, in 1929. During his time at Oxford he enjoyed spectacular success — only perhaps rivalled by his predecessor by five years, Sir Gyles Isham — in becoming editor of Cherwell, secretary of of the Oxford University Dramatic Society and treasurer of the Oxford Union. Many of his exploits are still remembered - above all, the occa-Hollywood star and actress Tallulah Bankhead up in a balloon.

But his remaining contemporaries will also recall his performance in the Basil Dean production of Flecker's Hassan, where he played the title role opposite Peggy Ashcroft and Thea Holme. Where he was unlucky was in his controversial run for the OUDS presidency in which he narrowly failed to defeat the official candidate. George Devine, later to become the hero of the Royal Court. It was as a result of this thwarted bid to run OUDS that Playfair went on to found the Merton Floats. the college drama society which exists to this day.

On coming down from Oxford, he was called to the Bar in 1934, but finding the financial rewards somewhat meagre, prudently secured an industrial position in Manchester. During the immediate prewar years, he sup-plemented this job in industry with being the local dramatic critic for the Daily Express. He also at this time published the first two of his many books: My Father's Son (1937), a biography of his father, who had died in 1934, and Kean (1939), still considered to be the standard work on the 19thcentury tragedian.

Although he volunteered in heimer's disease. But she re-1939, poor eyesight prevented active service in the Second mained an active member of World War. In December She is survived by a son and 1941, however, he was sent to Singapore to run the Malaya Broadcasting Corporation, escaping three days before the capture of the island by the Japanese to the United States via Australia. In America he worked for a branch of British Intelligence. His earlier experience is described in his journal Singapore Goes Off The Air (1943).

He stayed in the United States after the war, first as Professor of Drama at the University of North Carolina and then in a similar capacity at Williams College, Massachusetts, where he also produced a number of plays at the Adams Memorial Theatre in Williamstown. It was here that he met his second wife. The birth of his first son, when he was already well into his forties, seemed to reawaken his ancestral feelings and shortly afterwards he and his wife returned to England.

He immediately became active as a commentator for a variety of newspapers and weeklies as well as broadcasting frequently on the radio (he was one of the regular presenters of a Saturday morning BBC programme of the time called The Weekly World).

A lifelong Liberal and the advocate of often unpopular causes, he became interested in penal reform, publishing The Offenders and Crime. Punishment and Cure (both with Derrick Sington), and The Punitive Obsession - all three of wh punishment as a successful deterrent to crime. His was also one of the few voices raised against the Mountbatten report on prison security commissioned by Roy Jenkins as Home Secretary in the wake of George Blake's escape from Wormwood Scrubs in

1966.

Although hampered by a serious stroke in 1972, which curtailed his ability to broadcast, he continued to write several more books and various articles, as well as letters to The Times. An artist to the extent that he was always highly self-critical of his work. he was, nevertheless, very selfdisciplined, even Victorian, in some of his attitudes, regarding, for example, even the resort to a mortgage as evidence of a profligate lifestyle.

Despite ill-health he remained active in the last 15 years, often, to the amazement of his friends, travelling to most corners of the world and lunching frequently at the Garrick where, having joined the club in 1933, he was the senior member. In his laner years he became a vigorous opponent of the admission of women — gloomily predicting that it was eventually bound to happen but boldy asserting that, when it did. "the Garrick Club, as I have known it, will finally have ceased to exist".

Giles Playfair is survived by his wife Ann, whom he married in 1946, and by a son, a daughter and two stepchil-

Blaikie suffered from Alz-

put the clock back. Mr. Joseph Godber's Bill to abolish British Standard Time, or "Summer Time" even during the winter months, and to return to Greenwich Mean Time, was objected to yesterday in the Commons on behalf of the Government. It was therefore postponed, and will come up for Second Reading again on May 19, when presumably, with the Govern-

for school in the mornings with luminous armbands to make them visible to the traffic. and cowmen in the west of Ireland will stagger around trying to minor turnips and empty buckets in darkness as black as halfway up the chimney.

defender of Greenwich Mean Time and Big Ben, dedicated enemy of British Standard Time, is about to fire another salvo in this

by The Bodley Head on February 12, examines the whole "Summer Time" controversy at some length and with some indignation. (The title is a quotation, which

ON THIS DAY

January 24, 1970

Putting the clocks forward and making a fixed date for Easter are issues that the press, Parliament and the public regularly recycle. Last week the Day-

with hindsight could have been more happily

The small book examines the history of the daylight saving philosophy from its inspiraAlthough far too gentlemanly and par-liamentary a person to call Government spokesmen liars, Sir Alan produces meniculous evidence in support of allegations that, if some of the things said during the passage of the Bill were not barefaced inaccuracies then at least they will do until a barefaced inaccuracy comes along.

Sir Alan argues with lucid vehemence that the motive for introducing perpetual Summer Time was not genuinely industrial, commercial or social, but political, to help to soften the Common Market towards Britain's entry. It was "a shameless piece of sucking-up", so that the Prime Minister could say to the Six: "Look .. how European we are. For your sake we are abandoning our famous Greenwich time and abdicating from the last 'world-role' that remains to us. We shall begin our loyal association with you by breaking faith with a global concert of which for 83 years we have been the centre. What more can we do?"

As an alternative to dictating by Act of Parliament what time citizens shall get out of their beds in the morning. Sir Alan patrioti-cally offers to the Government his own "painless plan". His Summer Time Bill proposes that no timepieces will be altered and Greenwich Mean Time will be observed throughout the year.

ANN BLAIKIE as her "other self". In 1989 the John Blaikie, the brother of Ann Blaikie had for some time

Ann Blaikie, co-founder of the Co-Workers of January 14 aged 79. She was born on December 9, 1916.-

AN indefatigable bearer of Mother Teresa's spiritual message, Ann Blaikie earned international affection and regard for her selfless work among the poor. "It is not the magnitude of the action which is important," she would say, "but the love which we put into it." Such was her dedication to her work that Mother Teresa herself, the nun whom she had befriended long before the rest of the world had acclaimed

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The daughter of an Anglican clergyman, Zaida Ann Simons (as she was before she married) was born in London and educated at Atherley School, Southampton, and Froebel College, Roehampton. She then took a job as a teacher in a London prep school where she numbered Edward Kennedy among her

During the war she served as a junior commander in the ATS with the anti-aircraft batteries in southern England and Wales. Throughout those her work, was to describe her years she corresponded with

order to join him in China, in late 1946 she travelled by flying boat as far as India, making the final stages of the iourney in an unpressurised light aircraft. They were married in Shanghai in January 1947. However, two years later the Chinese revolution brought the young couple briefly back to London before John Blaikie took up a position as a lawyer for the British-American Tobacco Company

It was there that in 1954 Ann Blaikie first met Mother Teresa. The circumstances were characteristically pragmatic.

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Involved at first in meeting the practical requirements of Mother Teresa's young congregation of the Missionaries of Charity, Ann Blaikie enlisted the support of other European helpers, providing food. clothing and toys and raising vital funds. She organised the

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first campaign to touch a leper with compassion and, a ifted speaker, she became Mother Teresa's spokeswoman at the opening of the first leprosy dispensary at Titagarh in 1959. In September 1960 the

Blaikie family moved to Cobham. Surrey. Within days Ann Blaikie was once more engaged in work for Mother Teresa. The need for practical support increased as the Missionaries of Charity foundations spread beyond the bounhelped to raise public awarepeople who wished to support her work, so too did Blaikie.

daries of India. Together with the broadcaster and writer. Malcolm Muggeridge, Blaikie ness and, as Mother Teresa became increasingly insistent on the spiritual role of lay Together with Mother Teresa, she drew up a constitution which would bind their coworkers not only in a spirit of service but also in a spirit of

two daughters. New salvo against BST

Philip Howard on the fight to

ment opposed to it, it will bite the dust.

So it looks as though for at least another winter children in Thurso will have to set out

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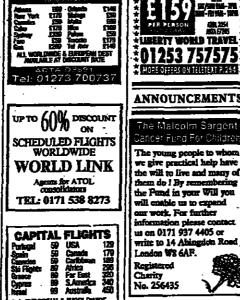
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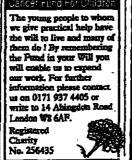
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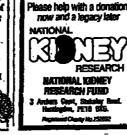
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but the housing market seems to be on the move. After so many false dawns, it is a recovery which I barely dare to report, but the signs are everywhere.

The upturn of the past few weeks is most marked at the top end of the London market. After slowing in mid-1995, expensive property — especially in Notting Hill, Kensington and Holland Park — is selling quickly again, with prices holding and a surplus of buyers, according to the agents Knight Frank, and Savills.

John D. Wood talks of buyers "storming" its offices in the fortnight after the Christmas break. Property Vision reports two attempted gazumpings in the past month, while Knight Frank's Lorna Vestey notes a 33 per cent rise in sales of more than El million in the capital last year compared with 1994.

Now Harrods has announced it is to sell houses again for the first time since 1993. Harrods Estates is to open in a formight, opposite the store at 96 Brompton

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Road, Knightsbridge.
The confidence of the Harrods chairman, Mohamed Al Fayed, in the market is reflected by the company's redevelopment of the Harrods depository at Barnes into flats, and its plans to build the Harrods House Hotel in Trevor Square, adjacent to the store, later this year.

Yolande Barnes, the head of research at Savills, believes that other areas will follow the recovery shown by prime sites in central London, as they have in previous market upturns. But she cautions that cynicism could descend if agents talk up the market. could yet evaporate. "We have seen false dawns before," she

Simon Agace, the chairman of Winkworth, London's largest agent, says: "Our figures show a huge increase in the number of buyers actively looking for property at all price levels.

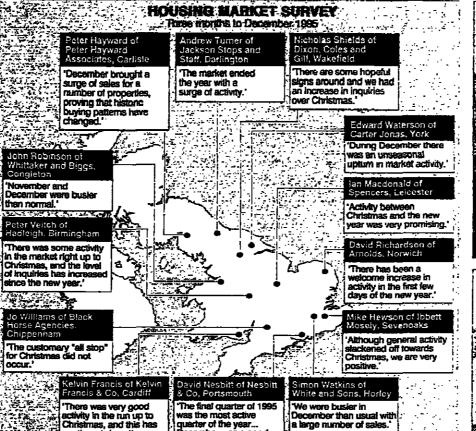
A good January has followed a strong November and December. Price rises will follow in March, Mr Agace predicts. "The increase in buyers at the end of last year has already led to some price growth. This will be consolidated over the spring."

Nick Goble, the manager of

Winkworth's Battersea office, reports a surge in the number of buyers disenchanted with high rental costs, while John D. Wood's Fulham office cites the example of a house in Eland Road, SWII. It was valued at £360,000 at the end of 1995, but sold this month for £370,000 after competition hetween several buyers.

ohn D. Wood's Chelsea office recorded 172 viewings in the first weeks of this year, compared with 94 viewings in the same week last year, while agents Beaney Pearce report a 50 per cent increase in applicants on its Parmer Nicholas Pearce talks of a "pressure cooker" of pent-up demand in London, while Linda Beaney reports an increase in the number of developers plannine new schemes.

Elsewhere in the country. the Corporate Estate Agents property index provides a record of sales data from half of the country's estate agents. some 3,400 offices. It reports a modest upturn in sales. Peter Constable, a CEA spokesman, says: "Considering that the



was the most active quarter of the year... December was a good

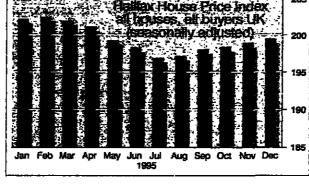
Christmas period is traditionally quiet, the figures show a glimmer of hope in the last three months of 1995.

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A Royal Institution of Char-tered Surveyors housing mar-ket survey (see map) of the last three months of the year is more optimistic: "Prospects look bright, following a Christmas season in which activity held up well." And a survey of 100 agents by the National Association of Estate Agents found a new year surge in homebuying, with 84 per cent of agents reporting a rise in

Two areas stand out: Graham Waterton, from Strutt & Parker, says his Salisbury office has been "inundated" with inquiries. Stephen King, a partner at Market Harborough, reports his busiest December and January since the office opened in 1989.

Builders are bullish too. Laing Homes reports that visitors to its developments across the South East are up 60 per cent on the same period last year. The chief executive, Steve Lidgate, says: "The reported increases in house



a large number of sales."

prices over the past few months and the predicted continuation of this trend in 1996 seem to be supported by the growing number of people wanting to buy new homes. Net reservations are the same as last year, but I can't believe that 60 per cent more people are visiting our sites without intending to buy."

Frank Eaton, the chief executive of Barratt, Britain's second biggest housebuilder, agrees: "Early results for January show substantially improved levels of sales inquiries and site visitors." In recent

weeks the firm has bought 15 new sites in London and the South East.

Prices seem to be holding. The Halifax has reported that prices rose by 0.3 per cent in December after an increase of 0.3 per cent in November. Although prices are still 1.4 per cent lower than they were a year ago (see graph) there have now been five consecutive months of house price

The latest quarterly register from the Land Registry shows rises of between 2 and 4 per cent for terraces, semi-de-



Antonia Gluckstein (top), 24, is a personal assistant at Beancy Pearce estate agents. She is selling her two-bedroom flat in Redcliffe Square, Earls Court, west London (above) for £165,000. and has received two offers for more than the asking price. "I bought the flat as a repossession three years ago for £107,000, have done it up for £20,000, and am now looking to buy another flat and do the same again. My friends are thinking of buying for the first time. They've been renting and it is just too expensive."

tached and detached homes. A regional breakdown reveals that the quality market is

performing best. So the signs of recovery are in place. January is no longer the ugly sister of the property market. But why? Some agents believe that Christmas is the only time of the year when busy families can sit down and take decisions. And then there are always sales after the batch of divorces which seem to happen at this

time of year.
Peter Miller from the RICS notes the importance of interest rate cuts, better economic news and a rising stock market, stable house prices and forecasts of modest market growth leading to new year optimism. Last week, rates were cut by 0.25 per cent.

Crucial new demand is being provided by first-time buyers. They have been worryingly absent for the past three years. Mr Agace of Winkworth says. "Buyers are divided into those in their early to mid-twenties who are looking for good-sized studios and one-bedroom flats, and high-earning professionals in their late

twenties and early thirties who have held back from buying

for six or seven years."

He believes that "with the excellent mortgage deals on offer and 6 to 7 per cent rent rises a year, they are now seeing the wisdom of becoming homeowners". It is now cheaper to buy than to rent The prospect of a general election means that buvers wish to take advantage of low interest rates while they can.

n election, however could also spell disaster, halting the market in its tracks. says Nicholas Ashe of Proper-Vision. And the market has failed to rid itself of the spectre of negative equity. The Woolwich last week estimated that more than one million households are now trapped in homes with loans larger than the value of their property Later this month, the Council of Mortgage Lenders will report the repossession figures for 1995. In the first six months of last year, the CML reported the first rise for four years in the number of homes being repossessed, to 25,200. The new figures are expected to follow a similar upward trend.

The lending figures are gloomy too. New figures published yesterday by the Building Societies Association show new lending commitments down in December, to £2.4 billion against £3.2 billion in November. Charles Ellingworth of Property Vision feels that some lenders, especially the banks, are still being overreticent about lending.

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House of Lords

Right of retention in contract

Another

Before Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Lord Mustill, Lord Slynn of Hadley and Lord Woolf

(Speeches January 18) The right of retention in Scots law. that is, the right to resist demand for payment or performance under a contract until some contractua obligation be paid or performed, might be operated against corresponding obligations enforceable but unfulfilled but had no relevance to obligations duly

Accordingly, the defendants were entitled to withhold payment for work done only in respect of loss and damage caused by neg-ligent work prior to the due date for payment and not in respect of loss and damage caused by failure to complete the works after that

The House of Lords dismissed an appeal by the defendants, Scottish Enterprise and Stanley Miller (Scotland) Ltd. from the Court of Appeal (Sir Donald Nicholls, Vice-Chancellor, Lord Justice Leggatt and Lord Justice Henry) who on February 9, 1994 had dismissed their appeal from Judge Quentin Edwards, QC. sit-

Mr James Drummond Young QC. of the Scots Bar, and Mr Sebastian Neville-Clarke for the defendants: Mr Neil Davids QC, of the Scots Bar, and Mr Stephen Furst, QC, for the plaintiffs, the Bank of East Asia Ltd.

LORD JAUNCEY said that in Agency ("SDA"), now Scottish Enterprise, had entered into a contract, governed by Scots law, with Stanley Miller for the construction by them of factory

Payment was initially to be made in monthly stages, but subsequently it had been agreed until May 15, 1990, Stanley Miller to make their own arrangements for interim funding

Those arrangements had been made with the plaintiff bank and had involved by way of security an assignation by Stanley Miller to the bank of the full benefit of all sums due and payable by SDA

On May 15, 1990 the sum due and payable had been £416,964.72. and it was accepted that prior to that date work had been carried out negligently with resultant loss and damage to SDA of £168,512.40. By May 29, Stanley Miller had been insolvent: administrative receivers had been appointed and work on the site had ceased. As a

complete, SDA had suffered further loss and damage and also herame entitled to liquidated and ascertained damages under clause 24 of the contract.

SDA had made no payment to the bank. It was accepted that they were entitled to withhold payment of the £168.512.40 due in respect of ent work performed prior to May 15, 1990, but the question for decision was whether they were entitled to withhold payment of the balance from £416.964.72 pending quantification of their claim for damages arising out of Stanley Miller's failure to complete the

The judge had held that the law of Scotland was authoritatively stated in Redpath Dorman Long Ltd v Cummins Engine Co Ltd (198) SC 370) and that accordingly Scottish Enterprise were only en-titled to withhold payment of sums related to breaches of contrac occurring prior to May 15, 1990.

In Redpath the Second Division of the Inner House of the Court of on had held that any retention by the employers could only be contract that had been in existence under the architect's certificate.

Mr Drummond Young accepted

that Redpath was indistinguishable on its facts but submitted that it had been wrongly decided and that Lord Justice-Clerk Wheatley had misunderstood what Lord Benholme had meant by "contemson (11861) 23 D 646, 652). The key to the problem lay, he said, in the well known principle of mutuality of contract whereby A who had failed to perform his part of a contract could not insist on B

performing his. "Compensation" in Scots law was the term used to describe the right to set one claim against another. It had no application unless the mutual debts were both liquid in the sense of being presently exigible and of fixed

An exception to the rule that both debts must be liquid arose: "where the illiquid or unascertained claim arises out of the same contract as the debt which is ment of immediate navment would result in enabling the pursuer to obtain satisfaction of his claim under the contract when he has not which that claim is the counterpart": Gloug. The Law of Contract (2nd edition (1929) p627).

That exception of retention, however, had a more limited effect than compensation: see per Lord Justice-Clerk Inglis in Borthwick Scottish Widows' Fund ((1864) 2 M 595, 607).

In Johnston v Robertson Lard

the defender is based mainly on the rule of the law of Scotland, that one party to a mutual contract, in which there are mutual stipulations, cannot insist on having his claim under the contract satisfied. unless he is prepared to satisfy the corresponding and contempora-

neous claims of the other party to the contract. "I think the rule of law, that an illiquid claim cannot be set off against a liquid claim, does not apply to such a case, and that, at all events, if the one claim be liquid, and the other partly illiquid, yet contemporaneous, the rule should suffer some qualification or relaxation if the claims arose under one contract. The counter claims must be contemporaneous, for, if not,

the rule would apply. Much argument in the House of Lords had been directed to Lord Benholme's use of the word "contemporaneous". Did it refer to the time when the claims arose or merely to the time when the withholder was sued or tabled the defence as in the case of compensa-

tion for liquid debts? Mr Drummond Young argued example of the principle of mutuality and that it operated as a defence from the time that payment be-came due until at least the date of raising of an action if not until

Mr Davidson submitted that retention was no more than a remedy of self-help and that contemporaneity of obligations had to be looked at when it was first operated and not when an action was raised.

His Lordship did not consider that the authorities warranted so broad a proposition as that any material breach by one party to a contract necessarily disentialed him from enforcing any and every obligation due by the other party. In applying the general principle enunciated by Lord Justice Clerk Moncreiff in Turnbull v Hugh McLean & Co ((1874) 1 R 730, 738) regard must be had to the terms of contract in question.

In Pegler v Northern Agri cultural Implement and Foundry Co Ltd ((1877) 4 R 435, 442), Lord Shand had said: "I venture to think the sound principle is . . . that if the defence be founded on an obligation fairly arising out of the contract, and the performance of which is reciprocal to and contemporaneous (viz exigible or prestable at the same time) with the obligation which is the foundation of the action, then the defence is good."

If Lord Benholme's use of "contemporaneous" in Johnston v Robertson had been intended to be the same as that of Lord Shand there would be no doubt that

cided. Lord Shand had clearly envisaged not the totality of obligations due under a contract but. rather, specific obligations that were the direct counterpart of other obligations due under it.

His Lordship did not think that Lord Justice-Clerk Moncreiff in Turnbull v McLean had intended state that each and every obligation by one party to a mutual contract was necessarily and invariably the counterpart of each and every obligation by the other. It had to be a matter of circumstances.

Thus in a contract to be performed by both sides in stages the counter-obligation and consideration for payment of stage one was the completion of the work for that stage conform to contract.

When Lord Benholme in Johnston v Robertson had referred to "corresponding and comempora-neous claims" he had had in mind counter-obligations that were, as Lord Shand had put it in Pegler, "exigible or prestable at the same

It followed that retention might be operated against corresponding obligations prestable but un-fulfilled but had no relevance to digations duly performed. Lord Justice-Clerk Wheatley had

properly understood Johnston v Robertson, and Redpath had been correctly decided. The judge and the Court of Appeal had reached Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Lord

Mustill, Lord Slynn and Lord Woolf agreed. Solicitors: Sprecher Grier; Mishcon de Reva.

Cocking v Prudential Assur-

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Judge Raymond Jack, QC, sit-ting as a judge of the Queen's Bench Division in Bristol, so held

Power to suspend possession order

Building Society v Lloyd Before Lord Justice Neill and Mr Justice Rennett

[Judgment December 6] Section 36 of the Administration of Justice Act 1970, as amended by section 8 of the Administration of Justice 1973, empowered a court in the exercise of its discretion, to suspend an order for the possession of mortgaged property, if there was sufficient evidence to lead the court to the conclusion that the mortgagor was likely to be able to pay any sums due under the mortgage within a reasonable period. The question of a reason-

able period was a matter for the court in each individual case. The Court of Appeal so stated allowing an appeal by the plaintiff, the National and Provincial Building Society, against the decision of Judge McKinney who, at Bournemouth County Court on May 15, 1995, had suspended an order for possession of mortgaged property made by a district judge agains the defendant, Geoffrey William

Mr Ali Malek for the plaintiff; Mr Patrick Hamlin for the

on January 8, dismissing applica-

tions by various pension com-

panies to stay six separate actions

brought against them by the plaintiffs alleging that they had been wrongly advised to take out

personal pension schemes rather

than being members of occupa-

HIS LORDSHIP said that the

review was an administrative pro-

cess carried out by the relevant

companies to identify who might

have been improperly advised by

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set out by statute or agreement and

the plaintiffs had no legal obliga-

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any of the established situations in which an action might be stayed.

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them and to offer redress.

[Judgment December 21] LORD JUSTICE NEILL said that the judge concluded that section 36 of the 1970 Act, as amended by section 8 of the 1973 Act, applied to the present case. Against that decision the plaintiff appealed. The plaintiff made two First, it was said that the

deferment which was allowed for the sale of a property which was **Pension disputes** go ahead

HIS LORDSHIP said that section 739 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 was ned to counter tax avoidance by individuals ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom who transferred assets overseas.

routes in section 741 of the Act by establishing that the purpose of avoiding tax liability had not been

one of the purposes for his effecting

was allowed for the sale to be opieted because such a sale, in effect, destroyed the security. Second, it was said that on the facts of the present case, there was not sufficient evidence to have

entitled the judge to make the finding that she did. In support of the first submission, the plaintiff argued that the authorities established that an order for possession of mortgaged property should only be deferred to allow a mortgagor time to sell such property where the prospects of an early sale were best served by allowing a mortgagor time and furthermore, the authorities established that any such determent should be short.

It was true that both at common

since the enactment of section 36 of the 1970 Act, it had been said that in the case of the sale of mortgaged property the adjournment or suspension which would be allowed would only be allowed if a sale would take place within a short period of time.

His Lordship did not understand that there was any rule of law to that effect. Accord there were, in a hypothetical case, clear evidence that the completion of the sale of a property, perhaps by piecemeal disposal, could take place in six or nine months or even a year, his Lordship could see no reason why a court could not come to the conclusion in the exercise o section 8 that, to use the words of

able period to pay any sums due under the mortgage".

The question of a "reasonable period would be a question for the court in the individual case.

As to the second submission, the question was whether there was sufficient evidence to lead a court to the conclusion that the mortgagor would be able within a reasonable period to pay the sums due under the mortgage? His Lordship had come to the conclusion that the evidence available to the judge did not establish that. in those circumstances, his Lordship would allow the appeal.

Mr Justice Bennett agreed. Solicitors: Dibb Lupton Broomhead, Leeds: Heald

Applying guiding principles in tax appeals

Carvill v Inland Revenue Commissioners Before Sir John Vinelott

In tax appeals, principles existed to guide the court in exercising its discretion to remit a case stated to the special or general commis-sioners for amendment. But certain practical considerations had to be borne in mind in applying those principles to the facts of any

Sir John Vinelott, sitting as a judge of the Chancery Division, so stated in a reserved judgment in which he set out the relevant principles and his practical considerations before concluding that an application by the taxpayer. Mr Rory Kerr Carvill, to remit a case stated by a special commissioner (Mr T. H. K. Everett) went far beyond the proper invocation of the court's jurisdiction to remit a case to clarify obscure or ambiguous findings of fact or to make further findings necessary for the proper disposal of his appeal.

Mr Andrew Thornhill, QC and Mr Giles Goodfellow for the taxpayer: Mr Alan Moses, QC and Mr Rabinder Singh for the Crown.

The appeal was against the mmissioner's determination that the taxpayer had failed to bring himself within either of the escap

a share exchange and that he had tiled to show that a share transfer had been a bona fide commercia ection not designed to avoid liability to tax.

In an appeal by case stated under section 56 of the Taxes Management Act 1970 the court had jurisdiction on the application by either party to remit the case stated to the commissioners for

The principles which should uide the court in exercising its urisdiction were summarised by Mr Justice Scott in Consolidated dfields pic v IRC (1990) STC 357, 361).

Thus (i) the findings of fact were for the comm parties were entitled to expect that the commissioners would in the case stated make findings covering the matters relevant to the argu-ments to be adduced on the appeal. and (iii) if a request was made for a case to be remitted for additional findings the applicant had to show that they would be material to some tenable argument, reason-ably open on the evidence that had with findings already made.

Three practical considerations ciples should be added and were to be borne in mind in applying them to the facts of any given case.

1 It was the usual practice for sioners to transmit to the High Court with a case stated copies of any documents proved or admitted before them with a copy of any agreed note of any oral evidence. If not transmitted it was open to the court to call for them. The judge hearing the appeal could be referred to those documents and notes for the purpose of

amplifying the case stated. Noth-

ing was gained therefore by remitting a case solely for the purpose of adding material which could be obtained from the documents or notes of evidence.

2 it was for the court to decide on the hearing of the appeal whether a given conclusion followed as a matter of logical or practical necessity from the findings of fact those findings of fact were inconsistent with their conclusions. No purpose was served by remitting a case for the commis-

sioners to spell out what was implicit or followed as a matter of logical or practical necessity from their findings and conclusions. 3 The issue that most frequently came before the court on a case staed was whether an inference could or could not be drawn from

the primary facts admitted or found by the commissioners. it was for the commissioners as the fact-finding tribunal to say whether any clear pattern or picture emerged in the light of various primary facts, and doing so they had necessarily to decide which facts they found

should be given to them. The court could interfere only if it could be said that the commis-

relevant and what relative weight

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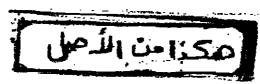
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The governing bodies of sport should be careful not to ignore the mass audience in the armchairs when selling its wares

I USED to think that highlights were something blondes had done at the hairdresser's. Now I know better. They are those snippets of sport on television which give the essence of a match without requiring you to watch the whole damned thing.

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Highlights, I'm told, are not to be confused with the 45-second clips of athletic jubilation that wind up the news. Rather, they are the longer, meaningful extracts, shown minutes or hours later than the live event from which they are taken. They are the raw material from which programmes such as Grandstand and Match of the

Day are pieced together.
Reserved highlights must be the answer to the unstoppable drift of sports to subscription channels. Unstoppable because the technology is unstoppable. More and more satellites are making room for an amount and variety of sport which could never be squeezed into the mixed, general-interest schedules of terrestrial television. Unstoppable too because sports channels attract a hefty paying

Play the game with television sport

cannot get enough sport. If only the wise and well-dressed men who sit on sports governing bodies are strong enough to insist on reserving their rights to sell their highlights to conventional television, they should not be instanced for sell-respond for the full television. lambasted for selling the full live coverage to pay-TV. Yes, even the rights to five nations rugby on which so much ethnic identity rides, or the Olympics.

As someone who would willingly pay £20 to avoid the Olympics on television, I may not be best placed to pontificate on this vexed matter. Nor, you may say, am I as someone who writes for a newspaper owned by News Interna-tional part-owner of BSkyB which is reaping the profits from sports subscription channels:

My own view is coloured more by my association with a quite different organisation. The Society

most of its time, and meagre budget, advising writers how to get the best deal for their work. Nobody expects the law to tell them what they must sell to whom under what conditions.

What is the justification for legal intervention in sports deals? I can find nobody who can explain it to me. There are many arguments in favour of the so-called "listed events", but they are based on feeling, not on law.

One is that people do not like having to pay for something they have been accustomed to getting free. How very true. So let's have no more talk of charging for public library services. Let national health prescriptions revert to their free status. And make crossing the Severn Bridge free too.

The other argument is that some experiences are so cherished that



the national heritage. But why not then use the law to broaden the experience? Performances at the Royal Opera House and by the Royal Shakespeare Company might also become part of the national heritage if they were televised by statutory command.

The list of events is a parliamentary whimsy. The Test and County they must be protected as part of Cricket Board would like to get

The list is even more curious in that it has been drawn up to apply to one industry only. The wonder is that the sporting governing bodies have not challenged it in the

When, as now, certain MPs cry "something must be done" about the shift of sport on to satellite, all they can do is to tinker with the wording about this list. Whereas the 1990 Broadcasting Act stipulated that the sacred events — Wimbledon finals, the Grand National and the rest - could not be televised exclusively on a pay-perview basis, what is now proposed would extend this basis to include cable and satellite subscription

Make no mistake. All that can be protected is these particular events, not whole sports. Were Parliament to try to stop, say, football clubs from selling their

fret about the impli-

cations of Rupert

Murdoch's bid for

the right to broad-cast the 2000 Olym-

pic Games in

Europe, there is one

group for whom the bid represents a tri-

umph. For more

than ten years, the

International Olym-pic Committee (IOC) has been struggling

to rescue the games

ages, and for media magnates

world audiences; the Atlanta

Twenty years ago, however, the event, plagued by high

its last legs, almost bankrupt-

ing host cities. And the IOC

itself was a pathetic fund-

raiser. The sale of broadcast

army of corporate sponsors

generated a measly \$7 million.

The IOC's professional mar-

keters have since exploited the

rise of global television for all

it is worth, and positioned the

Olympics as the greatest sym-

bol of universally admired

values such as excellence, suc-

Two other tiers of sponsors

will provide funds and goods

for the games themselves, and

for each national team. To-

gether, sponsorships will gen-

erate 35 per cent of the \$2

billion raised to fund the

"The Olympic Games," boasts Michael Payne, the

IOC's marketing director, "are

the ultimate image-transfer

device." Nothing about the

image is left to chance. To distinguish the Olympics from

other sporting events, Mr Payne has banned sponsors'

names from appearing on athletes and does not allow

any perimeter advertising. To

make sure no sponsor injects

the wrong values into its link

with the Olympics, his team

And if sponsors do not play

dumped. Last time round, the

chocolate company Mars en-

vets every promotion.

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subscription television, then, I think, the courts would hear about the matter. The BBC is on particularly shaky ground in this debate. It defends itself against the charge that it has not spent enough on sport by pointing out that its annual £1.7 billion income has to be spread across a great many services, including five radio

WILL WYATT, managing director of television, says: "That is what our licence-payers want us to do." But which licence-payers asked the BBC to set up Radio 5 Live. devoted largely to sport and costing £37 million a year? The BBC has no more the "right" to buy sports at less than the going rate than it does to buy an Andrew Davies adaptation of a classic novel at less than he can get elsewhere. What it should demand is the right to buy the highlights. And the sports bodies should grant them — in their own self-interest. The law need not come into it. They would be as unwise to exclude the mass audience as they would to sell their exclusive rights to a multibillionaire who wanted the pleasure of watching their games all by himself.

Besides, anti-monopoly law already exists to protect the viewer and new broadcasters. The De-partment of Trade and Industry's proposals last week will encourage new entrants into the competitive field of pay-TV, but they also insist that any new subscription services should be able technically to reach viewers on the set-top boxes now

used to receive Sky.

It is underniable that some viewers will be deprived by the inevitable slide of sport on to channels. But their numbers should not be exaggerated. The C.D.E income groups are the major purchasers of satellite television. And, according to my dishinstaller in bleak mid-Wales, "they

The most difficult PR job in the world

Alexandra Frean reports on what advice the press experts

can offer the Princess

he Princess of Wales is soon to appoint a new press aide in an attempt to reassert her independence from Buckingham Palace and to help to polish up her image as mother, beauty queen and roving goodwill ambassador in the run-up to her divorce. But who would want to take on a post that is being billed by the pub-

lic relations fraternity as "the most difficut job in the world"? The departure earlier this Princess's private secretary, and of two of her support staff, has left her in splendid isola-

tion and has given. an added urgency to her need to fill 'Now she the position empty since last needs Geoff Crawford, to move the previous incumbent, resigned onto a after the Princess failed to tell him of bigger her Panorama interview. But it is stage' believed a new candidate has already

been chosen to do the job on a part-time consultant basis and that he or she will soon be announced. Whoever gets the job will have to represent the Princess at a most sensitive moment; legal discussions about her divorce are likely to begin soon.

Though the Palace press office has traditionally been regarded as a "reactive" rather

specialising more in damage limitation than in building

The PR world was unaniweek of Patrick Jephson, the mous yesterday in its belief that the Princess's decision to ampoint an outside press aide is long overdue, although none

> ham, the guile and stealth of Alastair Campbell and the dirty tricks of Richard Nixon.
>
> Any public goodwill she view has been undone by the volley of attacks she has since

up a positive image of its charges, it can on occasions, be a formidable opponent — witness the claim this week that the Princess had spread "false allegations" of a personal nature about "Tiggy" Legge-Bourke, the Prince of Wales's personal assistant. What better way to revive speculation that the Princess is a neurotic and vindictive woman?

was keen to do the iob. Mark Borkowski, whose clients include the artist Damien Hirst, said: "It is undoubtedly the most difficult job in the entire world. You would need superhuman efforts to pull it off. It would take someone with the bulldog aggression of Sir Bernard Ing-

got from the Panorama interfaced. It proves that she had no follow-up planned to the interview. You need a plan,"



to make enemies in the media as well as at the Palace, he added. "There would be so many people wanting a piece of your top client. You would have to play a tricky game appeasing so many people".

Quentin Bell, chairman of the Public Relations Consultants Association, believes the Princess's next press aide should treat her or his client like a large commercial corpo-ration. He explained: "The first thing I would advise her to do would be to draw a line down a blank sheet of paper. On one side she could list her good points such as charisma, the fact that people want her and her charity work, and on the other she could put the bad things such as her inconsistency and the fact that she is

too ubiquitous. Bell believes that the Princess does not just need somebody well versed in media relations, but also a public relations strategist. They Mr Borkowski said. Whoever landed the job would be bound should make a five-year plan for her - it could be called

'Monarchy 2000' - to decide what her role should be in the Royal Family before and after the divorce. Everything she subsequently does, mediawise, should fit that strategy."

Brian MacLaurin, whose media relations firm MCM once employed (and handled the PR for) Sophie Rhys-Jones, Prince Edward's girlfriend, agrees that adherence to a central strategy is vital. MacLaurin also believes

that the Princess will have to agree to give up her unofficial "war council" of advisers, among them the television presenter and journalist Clive James, Lord Palumbo, former chairman of the Arts Council. and Viscount Rothermere.



Tiggy and her charges

Most experts believe that the Princess- rumoured to be offering £35,000 to £40,000 for the job - should resist the temptation to do her PR on the cheap. Bell believes it would be difficult to find a person of the right calibre to do the job for less than £100,000 a year.

cess, international co-op-Max Clifford, who has advised Antonia de Sancha, eration and peace. To raise the David Mellor's former mis-tress, and Frank Sinatra said price of corporate access to the much-sought-after Olympic that a more realistic figure for imagery, that access has been this very demanding full-time drastically rationed. job" would be £250,000 a year. This year, a select group of He recommended she employ ten carefully chosen global an American publicist with sponsors is paying a total of experience of representing \$300 million for exclusive Hollywood stars, together rights to associate their brands with an English assistant. with the Olympics worldwide.

"The Princess of Wales is potentially the biggest star in the world," he added. "She needs somebody with media contacts throughout the world; there are still a lot of territories for her to conquer. She is already the biggest person on our stage; now she needs to move onto a bigger stage."

Stephen Farish, editor of PR

familiar with court etiquette.

Week, says the aide would have to be brave enough to stop her taking the initiative and leaking stories to her favourite journalists, such as Richard Kay of the Daily 'She clearly is someone who

thinks she know how to make public relations work in her favour, but sometimes she has gone too far," he said. "She will have to agree to accept the otherwise there is no point in appointing one."

Alan Mitchell on an amazing sponsorship rebirth casters and regulators

How the **Olympics** won the big prize

raged the IOC by hard-sell tactics such as having its from nemesis. The bid by Mr Murdoch (chairman and chief executive of The News Corpocameras. So Mars is no longer ration, parent company of The Times) is about four times the a top ten global sponsor.

sum paid by the European Broadcasting Union to screen Meanwhile, the IOC is all geared up to expose, ridicule and lambast so-called ambush this summer's games in Atlanmarketers: corporations that The Olympic Games are try to associate themselves with the Olympics without universally acknowledged as paying dues to the Olympic the global media and marketing extravaganza. For top marketers, they offer brand movement. Mr Payne says: "If a competitor captures some of values and unbeatable imthe imagery, it can undermine

the investment."

Sponsor companies clearly games will be watched by 3.5 billion people. think the investment, and the restrictions, are worth it. Olympic imagery of youth, refreshment, the "real thing" politics and boycotts, was on and global harmony create a perfect platform for Coca-Cola marketing, for example. Coke is rumoured to have signed a \$43 million deal for the millenrights for Montreal netted \$32 nial games, and surrounding million (£21.3 million), and an marketing activity will probably cost it ten times that.

> Visa, another global sponsor, doubled the number of cards issued in Norway after the 1994 Lillehammer games. When Puji sponsored the Olympics in 1984, its US market

share grew from 2 per cent to 10 per cent in the face of every-thing Kodak could throw at it. This year. Kodak is one of

the Olympics big global ten. Companies such as IBM and Panasonic are using the advertisements for their technology. Lou Gerstner, IBM chief executive, calls the Olympics "our ultimate showcase", and

says: "The Olympics is live the whole world is watching. But as the 20,000 journalists and TV crews attending the Atlanta games begin to plan their coverage of the world's most public event, the IOC itself remains a shadowy body. It is, in fact, rather a bizarre organisation. It is an elite private club with a membership of only 100 - by invitation only. Members include royalty, heads of state, former athletes and businessmen and are accountable to no one. The Princess Royal, for example, is widely seen as one of Britain's representatives on the IOC. In fact, the IOC appointed her to represent it to Britain.

The club's only "asset" is its ownership of the Olympic trademarks: the name and the five-ring logo. No one gave the IOC the right to strut about like this. It simply seized the chance. And now it seems to have it all sewn up. During the four years ending at Atlanta, big business will have forked out \$2.75 billion in rights, sponsorship and licensing.



Stars such as Linford Christie are a huge Olympic draw

Uneven playing fields

TO judge by the recent furore about television sports rights, you would think that the BBC had been forced to surrender its entire coverage of sporting events to BSkyB*, the satellite broadcaster, Alexandra

In fact, BBC sports audiences remain robust. The corporation's live coverage of the third-round FA Cup

United and Chelsea, in which Les Ferdinand equalised in injury time, attracted a healthy 8.5 million view-

Although the viewing figures for Sky Sports, the satellite channel, are tiny when compared with those for the terrestrial channels. they are strong for the sector. Aston Villa's 2-0 victory over

Middlesbrough on New Year's Day attracted 1.5 million viewers, while the Celtic-Rangers goalless clash on January 3 also achieved ratings in excess of one million. Despite its passé image, darts did well taking fourth

*BSkyB, is 40 per cent owned by News International, the owner of The Times.

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Price cuts prove a circulation booster

Strong marketing has paid off, says Brian MacArthur

Until the national newspaper price war started in 1994, average sales of daily papers had dropped by a million a day within five years. Since then overall sales have climbed by almost 800,000. proving that cutting cover prices has been the most successful marketing tactic for years.

Another success is that readers persuaded to sample new newspapers over the past two years have not deserted with an increase in prices. Millions of pounds, however, are now being spent on promotions to maintain their loyalty. At the end of 1995, as our

tables show, sales of national

dailies were up by 476,000 (after a rise of 300,000 a year earlier), with the tabloids performing particularly strongly. It also looks as if the Daily Mail (which did not join the price-cutting war) and has been the main beneficiary of the death of Today. When The Sun and Daily Mirror had a seasonal sales dip, the Daily Mail was up by 93,000 in December compared with

On Sundays, overall sales slipped by almost 250,000, mainly among the tabloids, where only The People held level. Yet the four Sunday broadsheets, which used pricecutting inducements during the year, lost only 13,000 sales (0.50 per cent) overall. The main success stories of the year were the Dail Mail (up 15 per cent). The Times (8 per cent), The Mail on Sunday (6 per cent) and the Financial Times (4 per cent).

Twelve of the 19 papers

increased sales. Against fierce competition, the Daily Mirror added sales, as did the Independent and Independent on Sunday, The Daily Telegraph still sold (just) over a million a day, and The Guardian, without cutting its price, lost only 3,000 a day. With eight new editors in the past few months. the competition this year is

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Preview: Robert Maxwell was a spy, a diplomatic fixer and a confi-

dant of presidents. Dispatches (Channel 4. 8.30pm). Review:

Lynne Truss goes on the trail of a

stolen masterpiece _____Page 47

minds and consolidate fragile trust.

It does not deserve to be sidelined in the search for peace Page 17

Neither France nor Germany has

voters ready to die for Maastricht

- let alone the Euro Page 17

belong to Aunty Enid?" sobbed

Anne. "We have been with her

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THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

Blair fights to mend Labour split

Tony Blair was struggling to contain the most serious breakdown of discipline in his party since he became leader after he staked his authority on keeping Harriet Harman in his frontbench team.

Labour is now split at all levels over whether she should remain as Shadow Health Secretary. Mr Blair has given her his backing but his deputy, John Prescott, is unhappy about her decision to send her son to a grammar school and scarcely more pleased about Mr Blair's support for her Page 1

Granada wins control of Forte

Granada sealed victory in the £3.8 billion battle for control of Forte, ending the Forte family's 60-year reign at the hotels, roadside cafe and restaurant company they founded. Granada secured the backing of 67 per cent of shareholders. Pages 1, 6

Arms pressure

today to drop its insistence that the IRA must begin to disarm before all-party talks when the International Commission on Terrorist Arms reports that the demand is impractical..... Page I

'Feel-good' promise Kenneth Clarke predicted the return of the "feel-good" factor this year as he set the stage for a special Cabinet session today de-

voted to rebuilding Conservative fortunes. ...Page 2 Divorce Bill move

The Lord Chancellor has agreed to extend the "cooling off" period for divorcing couples to allow more time to agree arrangements for their children and meet criticisms from peersPage 2

Fairytale deal

The family of Enid Blyton, one of the world's greatest children's authors whose centenary falls next year, has sold the copyright to her books for EI3 millionPage 3

Town's inheritance

A businessman who died last November has left £10 million to be spent on worthy causes in Scarborough, the North Yorkshire town he loved Page 3 Girl's 'husband' held

Musa Komeagae, 18, a Turkish waiter who "married" a 13-yearold British girl, was charged with rape and held in jail Page 5

Rail safety crisis

Britain will come under pressure British Rail was forced to withdraw nearly 100 London commuter trains suspected of having metal fatigue, forcing tens of thousands of passengers to crush into half the normal number of carriages.

Careful Britain

Britons are cutting spending. clearing debts and putting spare cash in the bank, says a financial

Speaker in waiting

Philippe Séguin. Speaker of the French National Assembly and Masstricht critic, has insisted that he does not want to be Prime Minister, while discreetly manoeuvring himself into a position to take over...

Bandit on film

Bandit Queen, a film about India's most famous outlaw, is about to open in Delhi, where the low-caste, illiterate former gang leader lives... Page II

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Yigal Amir, a 25-year-old law student, admitted that he assassinated Yitzhak Rabin at a peace rally last year. He said that he had no Page 12

Meeting the press

America will witness the extraordinary spectacle of its First Lady entering a courthouse on Friday through scrums of journalists and cameramen Page 13

Two more staff leave the Princess

Two more employees of the Princess of Wales left their jobs as she began the search for a new private secretary to replace Patrick Jephson. The Princess now has only two secretarial staff after the resignation of Nicky Cockell, 32, who had helped Mr Jephson. Stephen Davis, 31, the Princess's regular



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Big leap: Farnell Electronics, the electronic components distributor, is acquiring Premier Industrial Corporation of the US in a deal worth \$2.8 billion (£1.85 billion). .Page 25

Economy: Kenneth Clarke forecast improved economic growth even though the latest business survey showed manufacturing activity to Page 25 be sluggish

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Heart-throb: Omar Sharif talks to Mary Riddell about women, flings and his passion for bridge and ...Page 14 horses.

Cultural differences: American women are pushy and ambitious, British women get embarrassed, says Kimberly Fortier Page 15

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Welcome trends: There were signs

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Not only parents but all residents should be livid that children - who have no say where they live - are being forced to attend schools where they feel in peril - Washington Post

The Russian president has earned US support and should continue to get it as long as he embraces democratic goals. But Yeltsin won't last forever. He may not even last till

SIMON JENKINS

All men may be born equal, blessed with an inalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. But when we see little Johnny gurgling in his cradle, the temptation to place the teeniest silver spoon in his adorable mouth can be verwhelming Page 16

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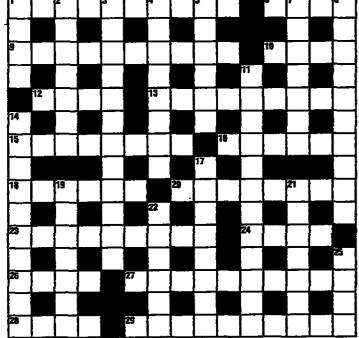
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Ms Harman's vulnerability has provided a way of attacking the "new" Labour strategy. If she is forced to resign, despite the leader's support, it would be a big defeat for the Blair camp.....

Norman MacKaig, poet; Giles Playfair, author and penal reformer, Ann Blaikie, co-founder of the Co-Workers of Mother

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- 13 Hooligan appears to hand out
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- 16 Farewell excessively drawn out (2.4).
- 18 Wild animal's back at home, first approaching stream (6). 20 Having a proper hearing, about to
- take off (8). 23 Hunt to collect drinks for marketing promotion (5,4).

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- 24 Chills South 26 Gory mayhem in wild party (4).
- 27 Liberal president objected, holding similar views (4-6). 28 Trifles enjoyed in the nursery (4).
- 29 Time for our revolution to succeed here and now (7-3).

- I Mug's in arrears, without a penny
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- 3 Affectedly fashionable person disturbed her host in the end (7-5).
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- landing area (6). 25 Little boy in a whirl (4).
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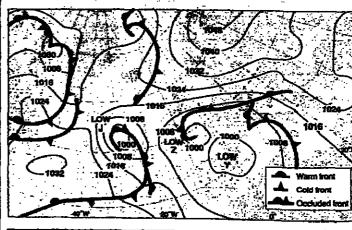
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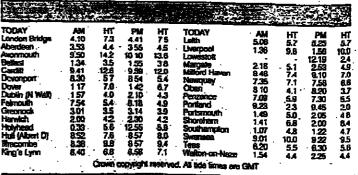
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Barings administrators sue auditors for up to £1bn

By PATRICIA TEHAN DANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE administrators of the holding. company of Barings, the merchant bank that collapsed in February last year, have issued writs against the bank's auditors in the UK and in

Singapore, and are claiming up to El billion in damages.

Nigel Hamilton, Alan Bloom and Maggie Mills, partners in the accountancy firm Ernst & Young and injure administration of Points. and joint administrators of Barings, started proceedings in the High Court in London yesterday against Coopers & Lybrand in London and

GRANADA will begin meetings today to decide the future of Forte's assets following the successful £3.8 billion takeover bid.

The leisure and media com-

pany has already outlined

details of its intention to sell off

the upmarket Exclusive and

Meridien hotel chains, along

with what it terms Forte's

"trophy" hotels, such as the

Waldorf in London and the

68 per cent stake in the Savoy

Group and the Welcome

Break chain of motorway ca-

fes, which the company must

sell to meet conditions laid

down by the Monopolies and

yesterday to reveal the names

of potential buyers. Gerry Rob-

inson. Granada chief executive. said: "We have had interest from around half a dozen

potential buyers, but we cannot

Inquiries by The Times re-veal that the demise of the

Forte empire follows the refus-

al of Whitbread, led by Peter

Jarvis, to join Sir Rocco Forte

and his family in a potential

£800 million defensive

strategy. The plan devised by

Sir Rocco and his advisers is

understood to have involved

significant market purchases

of Forte shares, designed to

effectively neutralise Mercury

Asset Management's key 15

believed to have been pre-

Sir Rocco and his family are

per cent holding.

add any more at this stage."

Granada, however, refused

Mergers Commission.

It will also dispose of Forte's

George V in Paris.

in Singapore and against Deloitte & Touche in Singapore.
The administrators refused to

comment on the size of the claim for damages other than to say that it is "substantial", and that the precise amount would be the subject of expert opinion in due course.

They are believed to intend to to seek the expert opinion of merchant banks to find out how much Barings would have been worth if it had not been forced out of business. City estimates put this figure at up to £1

The claim is "in respect of alleged negligence in the conduct of audits

Granada set

for great

Forte sell-off

By Alasdair Murray

pared to commit close to £250

million to a share-buying op-eration, largely financed by

lines of bank credit which

were secretly put into place. Whithread, eager to clinch its

proposed £1 billion purchase of

Forte's restaurant and budget

hotel operations, is understood

to have initially responded

positively to the Forte camp's

proposals for a joint raid and is

believed to have received an

effective green light from the

tors, advised by Barings, are

believed to have held a board

meeting in the middle of last

How the deal was won 29

week to consider market pur-

chases of anything up to 15 per

cent of Forte's equity.

Whithread's deliberations are

believed to have been influ-

enced by Granada's stock

market raid last Wednesday

that netted Gerry Robinson's

camp a 9.2 per cent stake, later

The Forte camp, which was

prepared to acquire a 5 per

cent stake, desperately re-

quired a partner with

Whitbread's financial muscle.

If the two parties had joined

forces, a joint cash offer was

contemplated for MAM's cru-

cial share block. If Forte and

raised to 9.9 per cent.

Takeover Panel.

Granada wins

End of an era.

City Diar

for certain years between 1991 and

A spokesman for Coopers in London said the writ was a complete surprise. He said: "We have not been provided with the details of the claim. However, we are not aware of any grounds for any claim against us." He added that Coopers was not responsible for the collapse of Barings, which was "a result of management fail-ures and fraud". The claim against the firm was "another example of suing the auditors because they are Po'ad Mattar, senior partner in

said: "The writ comes as a surprise. We are satisfied that the audits of Barings Futures Singapore in 1992 and 1993 were conducted with ail required professional skill. We are also mystified by the claim since none of the activities that caused the failure of Barings and the consequential losses occurred while we were auditors. In any event, the writ

will be successfully defended." The administrators said that they had reviewed the position in respect of the auditors and had formed the view that proceedings should be brought on behalf of the Barings

were sold to ING, the Dutch banking group, in March after ING received court approval for its offer to pay II for Baring Asset Management and to take over the assets, liabilities and management of Bar-ing Brothers & Co bank and Baring Securities. It injected £660 million in cash into the businesses,

The Barings companies remain in administration. Creditors include bondholders owed £100 million who were not repaid by ING, and perpetual note holders owed another £100 million.

If the administrators are success-

BUSINESS TODAY subordinated creditor and after ING, the Barings Foundation, Barings's main shareholder, would

also rank. In its report into the collapse of Barings, the Bank of England's board of banking supervision put the brunt of the blame for the collapse with Nick Leeson, the rogue trader who ran up losses in Singapore, and with a lack of management controls that allowed

him to do so. However, it also criticised and questioned the actions of both firms

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By Robert Miller

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Signal failure

Railtrack will be forced to pay out £59 million to train operators this year as compensation for delays to rail services caused by its track and signalling failures. The figure was revealed as Railtrack which is due to be privatised in a stock man flotation in May. Railtrack also announced its last set of audited accounts before its shares are offered to investors. Page 26

Pension, made up of the basic Unilever deal state pension and a company

Unilever, the Anglo-Dutch food and soap powder group, has paid £360 million for Diversey, a Toronto-based

Weetabix



Winning smile: Gerry Robinson celebrates Granada's victory in the battle for Forte

Feared chief dictated outcome

By PATRICIA TEHAN

MUCH as she loathes the publicity, Carol Galley, joint vice-chairman of Mercury Asset Management, has once again helped to dictate the outcome of a hostile and controversial bid.

will be included in the existing Yesterday morning MAM leisure and services divisions contributing 29 per cent of the signalled Forte's battle for independence was lost by indi-Mr Robinson said Granacating it had lodged its accepda's immediate priority was to tance of the offer from Granada in relation to its 14.2 per meet with Forte board members and staff to discuss their cent Forte stake. The shareholding had risen from 12.5 per cent in November when bid was launched. France. Though that was not enough to allow Granada to win the

battle, where MAM leads other fund managers follow. Ms Galley is respected and feared in the City by both colleagues and directors of firms in which MAM takes an interest. Aged 48 and a workaholic, she earned £861,000 last year including bonuses. She is married to a German broker. has no children and spends weekends at her home in

MAM has been a buyer of Granada shares since Mr Robinson arrived in 1991 and was known to admire his aggressive expansionist style. It

has 14.8 per cent of Granada. Ms Galley has had similar power in the past, notably when Granada made a £725 million hostile bid for London Weekend Television. MAM held 15 per cent of LWT — its vote helped Granada to win.

His remarks came after the

a fall set against those register-

ing a rise — saying that orders were declining. Domestic or-ders fell for the second

successive quarter, from minus 3 to minus 6 per cent.

the adequate minimum level cleaning products business. It would receive a state top-up doubles Unilever's market share. Page 27. Tempus 28 payment.

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Farnell buys US group for \$2.8bn

By PHILLP PANGALOS

FARNELL Electronics, the electronic components distributor, is buying Premier Industrial Corporation in a deal worth \$28 billion. Premier, of Cleveland, Ohio.

is the fourth-largest US electronics component distributor and is 63 per cent controlled by the Mandel family. The deal will turn Farnell, which was capitalised at £926 million before the acquisition, into one of the world's largest components distributors.

Howard Poulson, Farnell's chief executive, said: "It fits remarkably well and provides an ideal platform for future expansion." Premier made pre-tax profits of £114 million in the

year to May 31, on sales of £540 million. Farnell is paying a hefty 39 per cent premium for Premier in what it calls a

once in a lifetime" deal. Farnell will fund the acquisition by paying £930 million in cash, with the balance split between ordinary and preference shares. Debt funding amounts to £580 million. Farnell is making a £349 million rights issue.

The deal, which is earnings dilutive in its first year, will allow Farnell to become a worldwide distributor of technical products. Up to \$150 million is likely to be raised from the sale of non-core

Morton Mandel, 74, Premier's chairman and youngest of the founder directors, will become deputy chairman of the enlarged group, to be called Premier Farnell. The company will have nearly 7,000 employees and listings in London and New York. The Mandel family will own 17 per cent of the new group, rising to 25 per cent on the conversion of preference shares.

support for Granada.

best management case."

Welcome Break business.

Granada secured victory

after receiving acceptances from 67 per cent of sharehold-

ers before the offer period

Mr Robinson said: 'Our job

now is to take full advantage

of the potential for the benefit

of existing and new sharehold-

per cent of the Granada

group, while the restaurants

group's revenue.

Hotels will now make up 24

closed yesterday lunchtime.

Farnell forecasts pre-tax profits before exceptionals of at least £75 million in the year to January 31, and a final dividend of 6.2p.

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Poulson: "ideal platform"

Clarke buoyant in face of CBI gloom BY PHILIP BASSETT AND JANET BUSH ing society payouts, maturing Tessas and the electricity re-

KENNETH CLARKE, the Chancellor, last night forecast improved economic growth, bate. He defended his forecast even though the latest survey of a 3.5 per cent rise in of UK business showed manuconsumer spending and said facturing activity to be slug-gish with industry's new the climate for investment had rarely been better. orders now falling.

fended his optimistic Budget forecasts for this year. In a speech to the British American Chamber of Commerce, he predicted that consumers would lead the recovery this year, their confidence and spending power bolstered by tax cuts, low interest rates, pay increases, build-

Mr Clarke vigorously de-Confederation of British Industry's latest quarterly industrial trends survey showed that manufacturing industry is stalling as export order growth slackens off. Total orders fell for the first time since January 1993, with a balance of 1 per cent of companies - those recording

Five cable television companies that also provide telephone services were included in the domestic subscriber survey - Bell CableMedia, Comcast,

at persuading mobile phone operators to publish similar data on standards of service. Meanwhile, operators of wired networks have agreed to conduct customer satisfaction surveys,

But Mercury fared well when it came to bill accuracy, with only 0.2 com-

General Cable, Nynex and TeleWest. Oftel has begun discussions aimed

which Oftel will publish after Easter.

☐ The survey showed export orders growing much less rapidly, dropping back from a balance of 11 to 4 per cent, the slowest rate since a fall in exports in October 1993.

Manufacturing output growth moderated marginally. from 7 to 6 per cent, the slowest rate since October 1993. ☐ Employment fell at the sharpest rate since July 1994. The balance of companies reporting job growth dropped from 3 to minus 11 per cent.

Customers the winners in phone war out of the four indicators for which it torical accident provides the dominant

INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BREAKING BT's monopoly over provision of telephone services in Britain has resulted in big improvements in standards of service, Don Cruickshank, the telecommunications regulator said

The first studies of service standards offered to both domestic and business customers, published by Oftel yesterday, show BT compares favourably with its cable company rivals, but is often bettered by Kingston Communications, the company which by histelephone service in Hull.

BT's chief domestic rival, Mercury, fared badly, but its performance is absent from many of the tables since it was apparently unable to provide the

necessary information. Mr Cruickshank said the findings showed UK customers can expect world class" levels of service. "Comparisons with statistics on BT's performance pre-privatisation and later in the 1980s show customers are benefiting from significantly im-

proved services." But Mercury came bottom on three

was able to supply information. The company, a subsidiary of Cable and Wireless, was only able to provide services to switched business customers by the promised date in 71 per cent of cases, compared with BT's 98 per cent. For dedicated business customers, Mercury's figure was 81 per cent, compared with BT's 98 per cent.

The company also came bottom of the table showing the percentage of complaints made by business subscribers that it managed to handle within 20 working days, with 75 per cent, compared with BT's 96 per cent.

plaints per 1,000 bills - the second best figure — compared with BT's 1.2.

Pennington, page 27

AT&T calls for deregulation in battle with BT

AT&T. the world's second-biggest phone company, aims to build a \$1 billion dollar business in Britain within five years, serving business and domestic customers. Robert Allen, the

But progress towards that goal would be inhibited unless there was further deregulation to create a "level playing field" between BT and its rivals, he added.

"Our success in the UK will depend upon our ability to meet our customers needs," he said at the launch of the company's services to business. "If the regulations are not right, we are not going to be as successful."

Mr Allen said it was essential that Oftel carried through its plan to alter BT's licence in a revenues of almost \$80 billion, is second only to

iour. A formal response from BT on that issue is expected on February 2.

The AT&T chairman also claimed that customers would be discouraged from switching to AT&T unless Oftel guaranteed that customers could change phone company without changing their number, and unless they could use the AT&T network without dialling a three-digit access code, as they must at present.

Britain is the first country outside America where AT&T has sought to develop a full business and domestic network. The move is made possible by Britain's liberal telecoms regime, which, he said, was more open to

competition than any in the world.

Competition from AT&T, which, with annual

significant threat by BT. Although the former state monopoly still carries an overwhelming majority of personal calls, it faces a growing challenge to its lucrative business market. while mobile phones are also becoming increasingly popular with consumers.

The American phone company said that it would concentrate initially on wooing business from large, multinational companies. In particular, it will target retailers, firms

offering professional services, financial services and those manufacturers that relied heavily upon telephones and paid large bills.

The company has assembled three switching centres, in London, Manchester and Edinburgh, Telephone lines will be leased from other companies that have high-quality capacity to spare. AT&T declined to reveal how much has been invested in its UK network, but said it had taken on more than 400 employees in Britain and planned to focus on offering a highquality service, without being the cheapest.

Mr Allen said AT&T's plan to split itself into three businesses by the year end, announced last September, was on track. An initial public offering of shares in AT&T's soon-to-be-renamed systems and technology business, which makes a full range of telephones and exchange equipment, is expected at the end of the third quarter, he said.

Spinning off NCR, the computers and retail systems business, would be completed by the year end, leaving AT&T as a core telephone company, devoted to building the ability to offer services to customers around the world.

Dutch Parliament to debate Fokker

THE Dutch Parliament will today hold an emergency debate on the future of Fokker, the regional aircraft builder facing collapse after Daimler-Benz, its German parent, ended finan-cial support. Ministers are expected to agree bridging loan facilities for several months to enable the viable parts of Fokker, including defence manufacturing and aircraft maintenance, to be rescued. But prospects for regional aircraft as-sembly, which employs about half the company's 7.900 employees, appear bleak.

Fokker directors met again last night to discuss seeking protection from creditors. The shares remain suspended. The Dutch Cabinet met to consider whether to provide the four million guilders (£1.6 million) that Fokker is estimated to need each day to stay affoat. On Monday, Daimler-Benz withdrew support for Fokker, taking DM2.3 billion (£1.03 billion) of provisions. The Dutch government refused to contribute 1.3 billion guilders to a restructuring plan.

BREM wins £50m fund

KINGFISHER, the retailing group, has appointed Barr Rosenberg European Management (BREM) to manage the 550 million UK equity portfolio of its pension scheme. The fund manager, which said that its appointment was a "very significant" one, has been briefed to outperform the FTA alishare index. Jennie Paterson, of BREM, said: "We have been managing UK equities as part of a pan-European portfolio since January 1993, but this is our first segregated UK equity

Optimism at Coletax

COLEFAX AND FOWLER, the home furnishings supplier, said it has seen little change in the difficult market conditions but feels optimistic about future prospects, which would be enhanced by increased marketing efforts and operational efficiencies. In the half-year to October 31, C&F lifted pre-tax profits to £694,000 from £627,000 on turnover that was almost unchanged at £17.9 million (£17.76 million). Earnings were 2.2p a share, compared with 1.98p. The interim dividend is increased to 0.75p a share from 0.7p, payable April 10.

SeaPerfect suspended

SHARES in SeaPerfect were suspended at 75p yesterday after the shellfish company said that it had failed to secure adequate facilities from banks in Chile, where its operations are located, to meet its working capital requirements. The company said that, in spite of reductions in the workforce and cutbacks in capital investment, further funds would be required to secure its long-term future. The shares were placed on the stock market at 120p each in November 1994.

Woolwich purchase

THE Woolwich Building Society, which announced £3 billion flotation plans two weeks ago, has doubled the size of its mortgage book in France to £1.5 billion with the acquisition of Midland Bank's residential mortgage book. Peter Robinson. Woolwich chief executive, said that the move was part of the society's intention to expand through selective acquisitions. He said: "Banque Woolwich represents a valuable, diversified source of mortgage business at a time when the UK mortgage market is intensely competitive."

New chief at the FT

PEARSON, the publishing and media group, has announced further management changes, including the appointment of Stephen Hill to succeed John Makinson as chief executive of the Financial Times newspaper. Mr Hill was previously head of Westminster Press, where he is succeeded by Will Gibson. Mr Makinson was named group finance director in December after James Joll said he would step down in April. Greg Dyke, chairman and chief executive of Pearson Television, also joined the board in December.

Domino falls to £5.2m

DOMINO PRINTING SERVICES, the printing equipment company, suffered a sharp fall in pre-tax profits to £5.2 million from £13 million in the year to October 31, affected by serious technical problems that disrupted trading. The direct cost of resolving the problems and supporting customers was almost £4 million, while the loss of sales resulted in a net margin reduction of £3 million. Profits were just £500,000 in the second half. The final dividend is maintained at 6.4p a. share, payable April 10, making 10.1p a share (9.6p).

Shandwick pegs payout

SHANDWICK, the international public relations company, is holding the total dividend at 1.3p a share, with a 0.87p final payable on April 18. In the year to October 31, pre-tax profit fell to £2.5 million from £7.3 million. Results were affected by a net exceptional charge of £5.2 million, mainly comprising a E4.8 million goodwill write-off arising from disposals. Profits before exceptionals were £7.7 million (£7.3 million). As a result of the exceptional charges, earnings were reduced to 1.7p a share (4.5p). The shares eased to 412p from 442p.

Railtrack must pay £59m for hold-ups

By Jonathan Prynn, transport correspondent

RAILTRACK will be forced to officially "blamed" on the rail pay out £59 million to train operators this year as compensation for delays to rail services caused by its track and signalling failures.

The figure was revealed as Railtrack, due to be privatised in a stock market flotation in May, announced its last set of audited accounts before its shares are offered to investors.

The performance regime put in place by the Government heavily penalises Railtrack at an average rate of about £25 per minute if it is holding up trains.

The timing of every train on the rail network is now recorded by 1,300 electronic clocks and any slippage in the time-table beyond three minutes is immediately investigated and

Wrangle on nuclear clean-up

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

BRITISH ENERGY and the Government are at odds over the level of liability for decommissioning that should be passed on after privatisation of the nuclear industry.

Barclays de Zoete Wedd. the stockbroker advising the Government over the sell-off, yesterday told the Commons Trade and In-dustry Select Committee that the two sides were not yet in full agreement about the allocation of liabilities. Martin O'Neill. the com-

mittee chairman, raised the fear that the taxoaver risked a £1 billion clean-up bill if the privatised industry ran into difficulties in meeting decommissioning obligations. He said that the Government had pledged £1 billion to the industry in the event of problems. Sir Peter Middleton, chairman of BZW. agreed that the provision

Energy, forecast to be sold for about £2.5 billion. BZW representatives would not be drawn on a valuation for the industry. British Energy will put up to £50 million a year

into a fund to pay decom-missioning costs that will

stretch over 120 years. That

will be backed by the

Government's provision.

existed, but said that it had not been accounted for in

valuation work on British

organisation responsible. Train operators are entitled to compensation from Railtrack if the average delays in their services caused by infrastructure failures over a 28day period is greater than an

agreed trigger level. However, Railtrack has negotiated a £53 million rebate against performance failures in its first year of privatisation. so its net loss will be only £5 million. The compensation falls to £10 million by 2001.

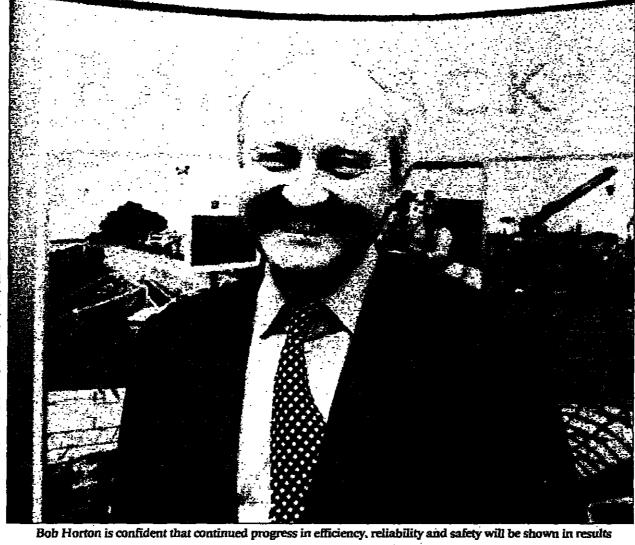
Pre-tax profits for the six identified as responsible for months to September 30, last year, were £98 million compared with £189 million for the previous 13 months. Turnover was El.14 billion (£2.28 billion) of which track, station and depot access charges from train operators contributed about £1 billion.

Bob Horton, Railtrack chairman, said the figures represented an "encouraging" performance in the run-up to privatisation. Norman Broadhurst, finance director, said he expected operating profits for the full year to be "pretty similar" to the £305

million last year. The £200 million impact of the 1994 signal-workers' strike and privatisation costs in the last financial year are likely to be offset by the rail regulator's ruling that access charges must be reduced by 8 per cent in real terms and a fall in

freight income, he added. The company, which has fixed assets of £4.4 billion, is expected to be valued at about £1.8 billion. placing it just outside the FT-SE 100 group of leading companies. "An enormous amount of effort has continued to be put into achieving a smooth operational reorganisation and preparing for our proposed flotation." said Mr Horton.

'I'm completely confident that continued progress in meeting service expectations and in further improving efficiency, reliability and safety will be reflected in the future results of Railtrack."



Ofgas keeps pressure up over date of pilot project

By OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

CLARE SPOTTISWOODE, it to a minimum. Ms them owned by oil and gas the gas industry regulator, is Spottiswoode was speaking producers or electricity comto review preparations for opening the household gas market in the South West to competition in a fortnight after industry leaders failed to agree yesterday on the need to delay the April I start date.

But despite pleas from the British Gas pipeline company. TransCo, for the pilot to be delayed until June I. Ms Spottiswoode said the industry would continue to aim for the start of April.

"April I is a challenging target for all concerned, but I did not hear anything today to convince me that it cannot be achieved," she said. "We shall continue to review the position." She hopes that by postponing any decision to delay the trial until the last moment if a delay does become necessary, she can keep

after chairing a meeting at Ofgas's London headquarters attended by officials from Ofgas, the Department of Trade and Industry, British Gas and the shippers, many of



Spottiswoode unconvinced

panies that want to compete with British Gas. TransCo said it continued to believe that a two-month delay was necessary. Harry Moulson, managing director, said this was to ensure that complex computer systems needed to use the TransCo system will

operate effectively.

Ms Spottiswoode said that testing by TransCo had been "encouraging" and that Chris Rees, a senior partner at Touche Ross, the consultants advising Ofgas, had devised checks to to decide whether new gas suppliers had adequate systems to handle the large numbers of people expected to switch supplier.

Some 500,000 householders in Somerset, Devon and Cornwall will be allowed to switch when the pilot project starts.

Interest grows for **Midlands**

MIDLANDS ELECTRICITY, the bid for which by Power-Gen was referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, says other companies are eyeing it for a takeover. Market rumour has, for

weeks, spoken of Tractebel, the Belgian utility, as inter-ested in Midlands, which had a £1.9 billion price put on it by PowerGen. Much speculation surrounds US utilities, which have shown strong interest in UK electricity companies.

Midlands has told the Stock Exchange that it has received more than one approach in response to a recent rise in its share price. However, it said that there was no immediate prospect of an offer.

The MMC is due to report by the end of March on bids by PowerGen and National Power for regional electricity

Lenders unmoved as borrowing falls

BY PATRICIA TEHAN AND JANET BUSH

MORTGAGE lending fell last month as house moves were put on hold in the run-up to Christmas, according to figures from the Building Societies' Association.

Gross mortgage lending was £2.87 billion compared with £2.95 billion in November. Net advances, which exclude remortgages and capital repay-ments, fell to £485 million from £305 million, one of the lowest in recent years but above October's \$295 million low. Net new mortgage commitments were \$2.42 billion, down from \$3.2

oillion in November. Analysts said the fall was not surprising and did not change their forecasts of an improvement in the market. They had been predicting a December fall to about \$26 billion. Adrian Coles. BSA director-general. said the figure compared favourably

with the £2.45 billion of December 1994. In the savings market, building societies saw another retail outflow in December of £62 million against £47

million in November. Bank mortgage lending rose by £554 million in December, compared with an increase of £686 million in November, according to British Bankers' Association figures. Total bank lending to the private sector increased by \$2.87 billion last month, up on billion last month, up on

M4 money supply rose by I per cent in December, pushing its annual growth rate up to 10 per cent from 9.3 per cent. This is even further above the Government's 3 to 9 per cent monitoring range and in double digits for the first time since February 1991.

The figures will continue to worry the Bank of England which cites above-target M4 growth as a reason

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☐ Awaiting the cost of Granada's success ☐ Railtrack's strategy on the way to market ☐ CBI accentuates the positive

Life ends at Forte

☐ TO THE victor, the spoils. To the mercenaries who helped in that victory, an as-yet un-

measured reckoning.

One does not have to be too ardent an admirer of Sir Rocco to feel some unease at Granada's success. But first, consider why he lost. This column has pointed out that the Savoy group, far from holding some unassailable position in the cultural life of the nation, is nothing more than a collection of good hotels.

How much truer this is of

Forte, containing some London trophies, the Meridien chain, some mid-market hotels and Little Chef and Happy Eater.

The Savoyards, in their battle with Six Power forther and the savoyards.

with Sir Rocco's father, used that accumulated cultural baggage to its full, hoping to deprive a mere restaurateur of control of their precious hotels. Their contempt was mirrored during Forte's defiance of Granada — a business led by a "mere caterer".

Much of the blame for the

Forte defeat rests with Sir Rocco. Like Louis XIV, he declared: "L'etat, c'est moi!" Like Louis's descendants, he paid the price for ignoring the demands of the mob. His own advisers admitted privately that change had in the past been too gradual. The mob of disappointed and disaffected fund managers did not believe their claims for the future.

Sir Rocco made two mistakes.

rules, by putting a cap on bid expectations and so sending

He did not tell the City well before the bid that he might concentrate on Meridien, and show a real will to sell the trophies — indeed, he did not tell the City enough, full stop. He also failed to bring in outside management, which would have defused the whisper that he was not the match of his father.

Gerry Robinson now has to carry out those disposals. But consider this possibility. If Granada keeps most of the hotels, the interest bill in the next full year would swallow a quarter of the profits. This is not comfortable, but it is not crucifying either — indeed, Granada has been there before, and the business is a huge generator of cash.

Mr Robinson's first plan, before the higher bid, was to keep the hotels. Most experts say that

that industry has another couple of years at least before the next cyclical downturn. It is not inconceivable that he may change his mind again.
For the City, Granada's success is business as usual. Only failure would have changed the

prices downwards, especially if Forte had been aided by an institution as powerful as MAM. This is probably one reason why MAM was always going to sup-

port Granada.

But however many more mega-bids there are before any new government pulls down the shutters, Granada/Forte does represent some sort of watershed. It attracted unusually strong interest outside the City, and those observers probably did not much like the behaviour of that mob of institutions. Their attention may yet be translated into political measures to limit big highly-leveraged takeovers.

Leaves on the line

☐ HOW appropriate of Railtrack to choose the worst day for industrial trouble since its new performance regime was put into place six weeks ago to announce the latest whistle-stop on the line

The non-appearance of half the trains in Kent yesterday morning will not hurt Railtrack's



revenues, which are based on take-or-pay contracts with the train operating companies. In-stead, the fines for the late-running of trains will be passed

on direct to the latter.

That arrangement is a measure of how the company is being buffed up on its way to the market, as is the neat and largely unmarked property deal struck last week whereby Railtrack can keep three quarters of the profits

on its extensive portfolio.

These give a fair idea of how its advisers are going to market Railtrack this spring, as a risk-free utility with a built-in premium from its property assets, a sort of National Grid crossed with BAA. The question remains whether this will be enough to

overcome the potentially disastrous political risk.

As yet unsettled, and likely to be taken right to the last moment if the Treasury follows its normal pattern, is capital structure. Talks over the next few months will decide where debt falls between a low of £500 million to a high of £800 million favoured by Treasury hawks, against a total worth of £1.5 billion. New Labour is still running

shy of outright renationalisation, but a letter in November from Brian Wilson, the party's deputy on transport, made it clear to the operators that their lives would be made as difficult as possible under a Labour government, up to the point where high service standards imposed might de-prive them of any profits.

Much the same might be said to Railtrack, if the party could only work out some coherent policy over this privatisation. But the company will have to be priced to sell, if only because the Government cannot contemplate a pre-election disaster. The pricing may require a forward yield somewhat better than the 6.5 per cent the Grid now enjoys, prop-

erty benefits for Railtrack not-withstanding, before the "Sids with a degree", at whom the float will be targetted, are on board.

The reliability of hindsight

WHEN Ken Clarke and Eddie George met last week, they had already been briefed pri-vately on the CBI's latest industrial trends survey, published to everyone else yesterday. Small wonder that they cut base rates. CBI leaders yesterday chose to be "positive" about the latest

survey, saying manufacturing neither is nor looks likely to be heading for another recession. But the CBI's optimism is based largely on the survey's forward indicators of manufacturers output and other expectations.

These indicators, though, have proved not just recently but over a longer period of time to be less reliable than the survey's backward-looking hard numbers, with companies' expectations mostly not being met. To judge from what firms have recorded, rather than what they

would like to see, manufacturing industry is clearly feeling queasy. Domestic orders fell again and export prospects are worsening. The two combined mean that total orders are now falling - or are "flat", as the CBI would have it. At the same time, destocking is under way, output growth is slowing, jobs are still going and confidence still

slipping.
Business is not yet pressing for a further rate cut, though some harder-hit and mainly domestic sectors such as construction want one. But the Chancellor and the Governor will be hoping for better things in three months, when they are slipped an early copy of the next full CBI survey.

De profundis

THE ever-generous Euro-crats, as well as helping out Viennese prostitutes and the London homeless, are funding an innovative scheme in Ant-werp. This will allow older men to be reintegrated into urban life, and I am not making this up, "by repairing wheelchairs and bi-cycles". Clearly not something that could ever be dealt with by national governments under the subsidiarity clause. But after the Forte decision, can such aid to those ostracised and on the margins of civilised society be denied to City fund managers?

Unilever makes £360m Canadian acquisition

By Sarah Bagnall

UNILEVER, the international food and soap powder group, has become the second-largest player in the non-domestic detergents market with the acquisition of Diversey, a Canadian business, for C\$780 million (£360 million).

The Anglo-Dutch group has acquired the Toronto-based business from The Molson Companies in a move that doubles Unilever's share of the world industrial and institutional cleaning products business to 14 per cent. Henkel-Ecolab, a German company, is the market leader, with a 16 per cent share of the £7.4 billion world market.

The cleaning products are used by companies such as food manufacturers to clean machinery and by institutions,

such as hospitals and hotels. Diversey is particularly strong in the food and drink industries, which Unilever has only a limited presence through

Lever Industrial International. The company said that Diversey was "highly comple-mentary" with Lever Industrial International, which mainly services the floor care, laundry and institutional sectors.

On a geographical basis, Diversey has a strong pres-ence in North America, Europe, Japan and emerging markets. Unilever said: "The emerging markets are showing the fastest growth and we think these are areas where we should invest heavily." _ Unilever last week expand-

ed its industrial detergents operations in China through a

partnership with the Weiss group of companies, based in Hong Kong. Unilever said that the acqui-

sition provided synergies and that the combined businesses "are expected to achieve significant profitable growth".

David Lang, an analyst with Henderson Crosthwaite, said that the acquisition was at a good price and put Unilever in a much stronger position from which to grow its detergents business. The Molson Companies has

retained a metal finishing business, a water treatment business and its US institutional and laundry business. The Diversey businesses acquired by Unilever have 8,200 employees, of whom 500 are in the UK, and 40 manufacturing sites spread around the world. It made a net operating profit before amortisation of goodwill of £34 million on sales of £507 million in the year to March 31 1995. At September 30, net assets stood at £184 million. Unilever Industrial International, which employs 4,000 people world-wide, has annual sales of £490

million. Unilever, of which Niall FitzGerald is to take over as UK chairman in August, is due to report its results for the year to December 1995 on February 20. Analysts are forecasting pre-tax profits of about £2.5 billion, up from £2.36 billion last time. The shares fell 2p, to £13.63.

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Canada to compensate Westland

THE Canadian Govern-ment has agreed to pay compensation of C\$158 million (£77 million) to Westland Helicopters, of Yeovil, and Agusta, its Italian partner, after cancelling a £2.8 billion contract to supply 50 maritime belicopters

(Ross Tieman writes). The cash will be shared equally between Westland, owned by GKN, the defence to pallet-hire group, and its Italian partner in the development and production of the EH101 long-range helicopter.

A Westland spokesman said that most of the half share which Westland will receive would offset costs incurred on the contract. But there would be an £8 million surplus, to be taken in the accounts for the year ending December 1995.

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Berkeley makes £73m cash call

By PHILIP PANGALOS

BERKELEY GROUP, the spe-cialist housebuilder, is looking prospects in spite of the harsh conditions in much of the to take advantage of the shakecountry and said now is the right time to expand, "both out in a depressed housing market and has launched a organically and possibly £73.1 million rights issue to through modest acquisition". On current trading, Mr Pidgley said that while Dehelp it to expand its land development and to pay off debts. The rights issue, under-written by SBC Warburg, is cember was quiet, January has started positively and he expects improved trading this year. Since the half year ended on a two-for-nine basis, and is priced at 435p a share. Berkeley shares eased 5p to 504p. The proceeds will eliminate on October 31, Berkeley has made purchases or commitments on 53 sites involving 913 Berkeley's £16.8 million borrowings and allow it to react units at a cost of £43 million. quickly to opportunities to buy Mr Pidgley said: "The housquality land and development ing market is showing very schemes. Berkeley, which opclear signs of recovery. We've erates from 14 regional com-panies from the South to the had a very strong January and we're seeing growth across the market. I think there are some Midlands and the North West,

to occur when the housing market has been quiet. Tony Pidgley, chief executive, is positive on Berkeley's

said these opportunities tend

customers face charge **ELECTRICITY** customers are likely to face a £1 per year surcharge on their

Electricity

bills to fund competition in supply after the regulator criticised the electricity pool and pressed the industry to gear up for the competitive market in 1998 (Christine Buckley writes). Stephen Littlechild dis-

missed proposals from the electricity pool for imple-mentation of competition that would have cost the electricity companies £320 million and which threatened to spark rebellion from some suppliers. He said that estimates from the pool were neither "reasonable nor necessary".

Professor Littlechild said development costs should exceed £50 million with operating costs at £15 million per year.

David Barnes, chief executive, has had to contend with increased takeover speculation

Zeneca slips despite high profits forecast

By GEORGE SIVELL

SHARES in Zeneca dipped 14p to £12.85 even though the pharmaceutical, speciality chemicals and seeds group said its results for 1995 would be at the upper end of market expectations. However, Zeneca said that the charge for restructuring of manufa ing and distribution of the pharmaceuticals business

would amount to £60 million. Pre-tax profits forecasts range from £850 million to £875 million for the year to December 31. The results are due on March 7. The share price fail was blamed by the launch by BZW on Mon-

day of 15 million Americanstyle warrants in Zeneca. Zeneca was floated off from

ICI in June 1993 and has been the subject of much takeover Analysts said the trading statement was positive on the pharmaceuticals division but was disappointing for speciality chemicals and seeds. Some

said they were tempted to take

profits on their Zeneca shares after the recent wave of takeover speculation. Zeneca said that for agrochemicals, the rate of profit growth for the year is expected to be marginally ahead of the rate in the first half of 1995. but the overall result for the sector will be muted by a poorer seeds performance. In speciality chemicals, sales showed similar growth

to that reported at the half-year. Textile colours continued to experience competitive trading conditions, but the effects chemicals businesses maintained their recent good performance. Sales of Quorn, the artificial protein, continued to grow strongly, but continued downward pres-sure on sales prices and increases in raw materials costs mean profits in the division are expected to be similar to those of 1994.

Price cut at Euro **Disney** trims loss

By OUR CITY STAFF

EURO DISNEY, the theme park near Paris, almost halved its first-quarter losses after attracting more visitors.

A net loss of Fr57 million for the three months to December 31 compared with a loss of Fr109 million in the first quarter a year earlier.

The company, which is 39 per cent owned by Walt Disney, said operating revenues at the theme park were Fr! bill-ion, compared with Fr854 million. It said revenue growth was driven by a strong rise in park attendance and hotel occupancy, due in part to the lower parkentry prices from last April.

Losses were reduced in some of an increase of Fr37 million in lease and financial charges due mostly to the company's financial restructuring.

The company reported its first annual profit last November, of Fri14 million, against a Fr1.8 billion loss in the previous 12 months when fears of an imminent closure kept visitors away. It also reported a profit for the final two quarters of the 1994-95 financial year.

were slightly better than expected, reflecting the success of the strategy of price cuts, which has drawn an increasing number of visitors in recent months. Nigel Reed, analyst with Paribas Capital Markets in London, said: "It's still a loss, but sales revenue growth of 17 per cent is better than I expected. It shows that the

strategy of cutting admission

prices is continuing to pay off

as visitors see better value."

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Alldays to expand

By MARTIN BARROW

WATSON & PHILIP, the food distribution and retailing group, plans to add 100 outlets to Alidays, its convenience stores chain, to increase the network to more than 550

cent to 23.4 million. stores nationally this year. Yesterday W&P reported a rise in pre-tax profits to £18.5 million, from £10.6 million, in

by a 52 per cent increase in operating profit at Alidays to £12.2 million. A total of 102 outlets were added to Alldays during the year. Food services lifted operating profits 49 per

Earnings rose to 32-6p a share from 27.9p. There is a final dividend of 11.5p a share, the year to October 29, helped making a total of 16.5p (15.3p).

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Speculators still in the grip of takeover fever

may be all over bar the shouting, but there seems to be no shortage of takeover speculation inside the Square Mile to tantalize investors.

Having enjoyed a profitable outcome to Granada's bid for Forte, City speculators are already searching for the next takeover target. High on their list is Midlands Electricity. which yesterday confirmed it had received a number of approaches since the lapsing of the offer from PowerGen. One company strongly

tipped to make a move is Tractebel, the French utilities group. Midlands has ruled out any early prospect of an offer being made, but the share price still enjoyed a hike of 10p to 368p.

Ladbroke, up 2p at 164p, is another for which speculation refuses to subside. The shares are currently trading 20p short of their 12-month high of 186p on persisent talk of a bid from Bass, the brewer which owns the Holiday inn chain of

Further talk of a possible counter-bid lifted Lloyds Chemists another op to 42op. The group is the subject of an offer from UniChem, down 7p at 246p. Whispers in the marketplace claim that Gehe. the German pharmaceutical distributor, may be poised to

make an offer. But news of charges totalling £60 million took some of the steam out of recent takeover favourite Zeneca as the price dipped 14p to £12.85.

Share prices generally staged a drab performance despite a positive overnight performance on Wall Street, where the Dow Jones industrial average climbed more than 30 points. But with the Dow reversing that lead in early yesterday, share prices in London saw their losses extended towards the close. The FT-SE 100 Index finished near its low for the day, down 19.2 at 3,735.0.

A total of 736 million shares were traded, bolstered by heavy turnover in Forte as the bid went unconditional after Mercury Asset Management confirmed market speculation by committing its 15 per cent holding to Granada.

Forte finished 11p higher at 384p after Granada daimed tances totalling 66.68 per Forte shares changed hands. Granada dropped 18p to 678p. One company that has lost



Shares were halted in SeaPerfect, the shellfish farmer

out on a Granada victory is Whithread, 4p cheaper at 684p. It had agreed to pay £1.1 billion for Forte's roadside operations, including Happy Eater and Travelodge.

Guinness rose ilp to 484p on talk of a buy recommendation from Morgan Stanley, the US securities house, and Rexam bounced back with a rise of 10p to 379p after a line

540p. The acquisition of Premier will effectively treble the size of Farnell, currently capitalised at £925 million. The rest of the deal will be met by an issue of ordinary and

preference shares. Farnell has also forecast a 21 .per cent hike in full-year pretax profits to E75 million, but Howard Poulson, chief executive, admitted the purchase

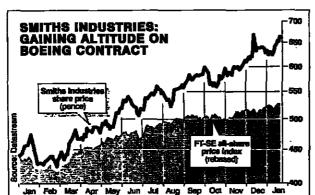
Babcock International marked time at 136p as NatWest Securities, the broker, urged clients to add to their boldings. Babcock has announced £100 million of new orders this year, with letters of intent for a further £42 million. NatWest is hoping for above average long-term profits growth.

that had been overhanging the market was cleared.

Farnell Electronics turned from suspension 62p down at 617p, having announced details of the proposed £1.85 billion acquisition of Premier, America's fourth biggest electronic components distribution group. To help finance the deal, Farnell is raising £349 million by way of a nine-for-19 rights issue at would result in earnings dilution during the first year and debts of at least £450 million. Another company asking shareholders to dig deep into their pockets is Berkeley Group, the housebuilder. It is raising £73.1 million by way of a two-for-nine at 435p. The group wants the money to take advantage of depressed condi-

tions to increase its land bank

and reduce debt. The shares



The decision of Daim Benz to withdraw finance support from Fokker, its lo making Dutch subsidiary, h been badly received by Bi

Rolls-Royce shares slipp 3p to 194 p and Briti Aerospace 15p to 873p. I there was support for Smil Industries, up 9p at 662 which is expected to bene from a contract placed by (Capital Aviation, the aircr leasing arm of General El tric. It has ordered 107 airl ers from Boeing in a deworth around £2.6 billion.

An increase in the divide despite a 60 per cent drop pre-tax profits last year to £ million enabled Domi Printing to sport a 5p rise to 409p. The group blamed prob-lems with printing ink supplies and technical troubles.

An encouraging trading statement lifted EuroDisney 4p to 154p. Operating revenues grew 17 per cent during the first quarter, with attendance levels and hotel occupancies both higher. Shares in SeaPerfect, the

shellfish farmer, were sus-pended at 71p pending clarifi-cation of the company's financial position. The group is suffering from cash shortage after the failure to negotiate fresh finance with a number of Chilean banks.

☐ GILT-EDGED: The latest money supply figures failed to impress the bond market and paved the way for opening losses. Prices rallied later but there was little enthusiasm to chase prices higher and the market was left nursing small falls on the day.

The Bank of England has confirmed plans to auction £3 billion of Treasury 8 per cent 2000 on January 31. In the futures pit, the March

series of the long gilt ended five ticks down at £1112132 in heavy trading that saw 80,000 contracts completed.

Among conventional issues,

benchmark Treasury 8 per cent 2013 slipped 316 to £103116, while at the shorter end, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was Esic lower at £1054. □ NEW YORK: Shares succumbed to profit-taking at midday as weaker bonds and US budget jitters gave investors an excuse to do some selling after the gains of the last few sessions. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 23.84 points to 5,195.52.

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THE EARLY BIRD

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SO perfect is the fit between Farnell Electronics However, the deal of a lifetime should not be and Premier Industrial Corporation that judged on short term forecasts. Farnell runs a negotiations over the price are likely to have been a little academic. At £1.85 billion Farnell has paid a hefty premium to acquire the business, an exit multiple of 24 times estimates of current year earnings. However, Premier will have been keenly aware that the British company could not afford to turn down the opportunity to become the world's largest catalogue distributor of electronic components. Moreoever, Farnell is buying a company twice its size and the main objective of Farnell's bosses would be to ensure they retained control

of the larger group. Farnell cannot avoid criticisms that it has overpaid: earnings dilution from the share issue and extra borrowings could hit 15 per cent

judged on short term forecasts. Farnell runs a tighter ship than Premier with the latter's margins seven points adrift offering scope for savings: the American company employs 4,500 staff to run a business that Farnell can manage with 2,300.

Meshing together the catalogue businesses is the main objective. Economies of scale should also be possible, allowing the new Premier Farnell to squeeze a bit more margin through bulk purchasing from components suppliers. Worries that Farnell has bid at the peak of the electronics cycle are overstated. Catalogue distributors deal with small orders and a cyclical downturn will mainly hurt high volume distributors. Shareholders with a long-term view will see value in the rights at in the first year on conservative forecasts. 540p, only 12 times next year's earnings.

Berkeley has schemes in

Barnes, the City and Batter-

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its pockets now. Institutions

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queer the market.

Berkeley

BERKELEY GROUP has a knack of timing its moves well. The company degeared before the last recession and is currently building up its land bank, at a time when most housebuilders are nursing the expensive plots acquired during the bout of land price infiation in late 1994 and

early last year.
But the timing of yester-day's rights issue has more to do with tactics than strategy. Berkeley does not need £73 million; the company is relatively ungeared with £17 million of borrowings and £50 million in anticipated land purchases will still leave gearing comfortably below Berkeley's self-imposed ceiling of 25 per cent. Meanwhile, the building

industry is in consolidation mode and several players Unilever ad of white wash-

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	When business is good, the results — and the share price — sparkle. But when affairs
RISES:	are poor, the blue shirt pops

up, spoiling the picture. Niall FitzGerald, the chairman in waiting, has been scrutinising the consumer products giant and the likely outcome is a further round of restructuring charges when results are revealed on Feb-THATY 20. However, efforts to build

up parts of the empire and expand further afield - particularly in developing markets - are beginning to pay off. Yesterday's acquisition of Diversey takes this process a step further as well as providing synergies with the group's existing businesses. The deal establishes Unilever products market, a powerful position from which it can

grow further. The slow but steady growth of the elephantine consumer products companies makes them dull investments in bull markets. There is little doubt, however, that the Unilever has the potential to make significantly higher profits and if the world is heading for slower growth the defensive attractions of Unilever will

Trocadero

become more apparent.

SONIC the Hedgehog may: soon be chasing Noddy up and down the Trocadero's escalators but investors who back the Troc's £29 million rights issue want more than a financial Toytown. It is only four months since Burford the property group, spun off the Trocadero with the prom-

SegaWorld has yet to prove itself but the Troc is already proposing to pay £14 million for Darrell Waters, owner of the Enid Blyton rights and a further £5 million in 3-dimen-

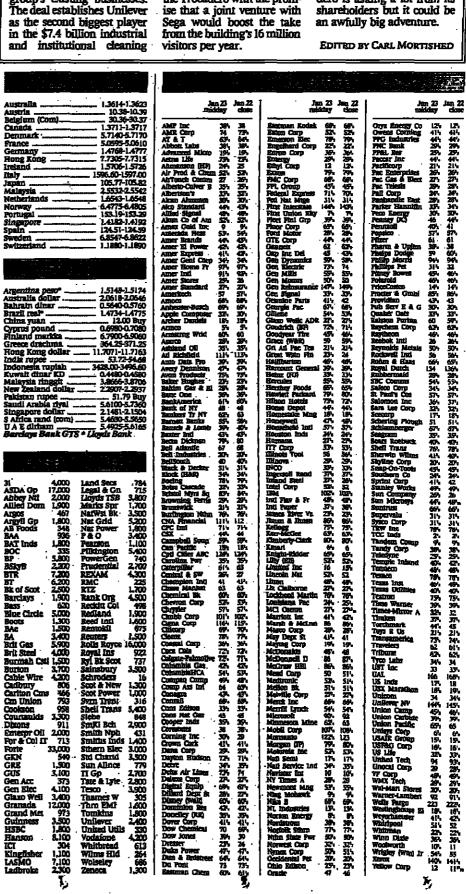
sional cinema. With turnover of less than El million from the books, the financial record of Darrell is so unimpressive that it must be regarded as irrelevant if the Troc's management have not taken leave of their

It is easy to see how clever marketing could turn the Edwardian Enid Blyton characters into a cult and the Troc has plans for merchandising and films. Putting a value on the asset is almost impossible but it is astonishing that the copyright has earned so little compared with other children's books such as Thomas the Tank Engine or the dreadful Budgie. The Trocadero is asking a lot from its

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Going out at the top...

CHEER up Sir Rocco. Yesterday wasn't a total loss after all. At the Grosvenor House last night, and within hours of the outcome of the Granada/-Forte bid battle. Forte group picked up top honours at the annual Travel Weekly Globe ceremony. Forte, which has won prizes in every category since the awards were started in 1977, and last year collected the Best European title, was last night winner of the magazine's awards in both the Best European and UK Hotel categories.

...and with style

MEANWHILE, Lord Forte, founding father of the empire which has now passed to Granada, was as gracious as ever when a photographer from The Times asked to call on him at his London home. "1 have a luncheon at 1pm, so please come at 3pm. And I hope your picture is not going to be used for my obituary."

Club clash

GRANADA'S Gerty Robinson, victorious over Forte, when asked how he would relax now the battle for Forte was won, quipped he would probably play golf, before adding, "Oops. But Sir Rocco and I are members of the same



called the Waldorf?

NICE to see that some

Value for money

non-executive directors earn their pay. Bob Horton, who heads Railtrack and is a former bead of BP, as well as being a nonexecutive director at Farnell Electronics, was the man who instigated yesterday's £1.85 billion mega-deal for Farnell to acquire Premier Industrial Corporation, the US catalogue distributor of electronic components. Horton, who is paid £17,500 a year - the same as Farnell's other non-execs - has for some time known Morton Mandel. Premier's sprightly 74-year-old chairman, as they both have a longstanding involvement with various US charities. Horton approached Mandel and got the two sides talking last November but Howard Poulson, Farn-ell's chief executive, assures me Horton will not receive a finder's fee.

Pensioned off

IN THE aftermath of the Maxwell trial, Sir Peter Middleton's turn of phrase at a select committee inquiry into the privatisation of the nuclear industry raised eyebrows. The chairman of BZW, adviser to the Government on the sale, told the committee a separate fund was being set up to pay for decommissioning in order to ensure reliability of cash. He said it would operate on similar lines to a pension fund.

Home leave

IN THE latest round of staff pruning at SBC Warburg, 12 UK equity traders out of a complement of 55 were last night made redundant. The bank said the positions had been "under review" since the integration of Swiss Bank and SG Warburg, and was

expected to be a "one off". COLIN CAMPBELL

Issues stirred by Forte scrap will resonate for some time

Alasdair Murray

on one of the most

acrimonious

takeover battles

of recent years

n the end, it was deceptively easy. At 3.30pm yesterday, a jubilant Granada team revealed that the acceptances for its £3.8 billion bid for Forte to declare victory. Within an hour, a relaxed Gerry Robinson, chief executive of Granada, was congratulating his erstwhile opponents on their fine defence and beginning to plan for the future.

But the result disguises the truth behind one of the most acrimonious and closely fought takeover battles of recent years, the repercussions of which are being felt far beyond the two companies themselves. What started as a straightforward City fight over who should run an assorted collection of hotels and restaurants has finished with the public imagination gripped by the two chief protagonists, Mr Robin-son and Sir Rocco Forte, chief executive of Forte. The bid has also raised questions about the assumptions and financial techniques that make bids such as Granada's feasible in the first

The battle started with a bang on November 22. While Sir Rocco was in Yorkshire on a shoot, Granada unveiled its £3.3 billion bid to the markets. It was a hardly an auspicious start for Forte, and Mr Robinson could hardly believe his luck. After two years of hard work, under a team led by Charles Allen, chief executive designate of Granada TV, the company had picked the perfect moment to launch the bid. The markets were saying by the end of the day that without a miracle defence Forte was a dead duck.

Forte's performance over the past few years had been sluggish. Its shares had underperformed the FT-SE allshare index by 40 per cent, and its dividend was almost a quarter below the level paid out in 1990. The company was perceived as obsessed with its "trophy" hotels such as the Waldorf in London and the George V in Paris and its 68 per cent stake in the Savoy and not concerned enough with providing real value to its shareholders through its more profitable mid-market chains such as Posthouse or Crest

In contrast, Granada was a Square Mile star, outperforming the FT-SE by 156 per cent since 1990, increasing profits since Gerry Robinson arrived in 1991 from £57 million to £351 million. and having successfully bedded in its most recent takeover targets, LWT and Sutcliffe Catering.

But the image of the hapless Sir Rocco caught out by City professionals quickly proved to be false. If Granada had mitally suspected that wrenching control of Forte from its founding family would be easy they had underestimated Sir Rocco's fighting powers. Sir Rocco, with his dapper Savile Row suits and immaculate establishment contacts may have looked like an old style City gent, but he was not going to give up the hotel and restaurant empire built up by his immigrant father, Lord Forte, without a serious

Within a fortnight Forte hit back. Sir Rocco quickly assembled an impressive defence team, including Morgan Stanley, SBC Warburg, and later Cazenoves, but led by an old schoolfriend, Roberto Mendoza, vicepresident of JP Morgan and a veteran of the brutal takeover battles on Wall Street in the 1980s

Forte began to aggressively sell its assets, first disposing of peripheral businesses such as Lillywhites, the sports store, for £23 million and Griersons, the drink wholesaler, to Matthew Clark, the drinks company, for £23 million. The strategy developed into a fundamental restructuring of the Forte businesses, initially envisaged as a demerger of the restaurant and hotel arms, but becoming a wholesale sell-



Sir Rocco Forte, chief executive, ran an aggressive defence campaign



top right, and Gerry Robinson, below



Forte's non-executive chairman



Messas Allen and Robinson picked the perfect moment to drive against Forte



Mr Robinson has congratulated his opponents and begun to make plans

off of assets that were regarded as a poor fit. Travelodge, the US budget hotel chain, was sold for E114 million and just last weekend Forte agreed a deal with Regal hotels to dispose of the mid-priced White Hart chain for £122

But the main deal was done with Whithread, the brewer, which offered El billion to buy Forte's roadside business, including the Little Chef, Welcome Break and UK Travelodge chains, provided Forte's defence succeeded. With the money from the disposals, Forte was able to devise its coup de grace - an £800 million share buy-back plan announced on January 2. The scheme, which included a commitment to increase the dividend by 20 per cent for the next three years and the distribution of Forte's stake in the Savoy to shareholders, tipped the balance back in Forte's favour. There was even talk that Granada would withdraw from the bid altogether, or at best offer a token rise in the price and

But Mr Robinson has built his reputation on his fighting prowess and still had a week to put together a response. When it came on January 9, in the form of a 47p special dividend effectively increasing the bid to £3.8 billion, it proved to be a killer blow. By that stage, however, the bid battle had spilt over on to a much wider front. Other companies and organisations were being caught in the crossfire. Both sides admitted they wanted to

dispose of the Savoy stake, but left the Wontner family, who retained voting control of the upmarket hotel group. uncertain over its future. The venerable gentlemen of the Forte Council, an archaic body orginally formed to promote temperance, also became involved. The council controlled just over 50 per cent of the voting rights in Forte and so possessed the power to veto the bid. Granada was forced to offer £50 million, equivalent to £64 a share, to persuade the council to not

The costs for the two sides continued to pile up. Beyond the financial advisers were the PR firms vigorously promoting their clients' cases for their clients and the tax bills that loomed from selloffs and pay-uts. Granada has estimated its fees at about £105 million, while Forte put its at £50 million. But the total hill could reach £250 million as Granada absorbs all the costs of the bid. The battle was also being played

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Yours faithfully.

November 22: Granada

TIMETABLE OF THE BID BATTLE

launches £3.3 billion bid. offering shareholders around 328p a share or 321p cash.

December 3: Forte sells Lillywhites for £28.5 million.

December 4: Forte announces plans to demerge the restaurant division and sell off its Savoy stake.

December 6: Forte sells Griersons for £23 million.

December 12: Granada outlines plans to merge Crest and Posthouse, and Meridien and Exclusive brands.

December 14: Granada claims £100 million cost savings in deal.

December 20: Forte sells Travelodge business in the US for £112 million.

December 30: Forte agrees sale to Whitbread of roadside businesses for £1.05 billion if bid defence successful.

January 2: Forte revises defence to include £800 million share buyback, 20 per cent increase in dividend and distribution of Savoy stake to shareholders.

January 9: Council of Forte accepts £50 million offer from Granada to refrain from using its veto.

January 9: Granada raises bid to £3.8 billion, worth 373.5p a share or cash offer of 362p. Says will sell Meridien and Exclusive brands.

January 16: Forte announces splitting roles of chief executive and chairman, with Sir Anthony Tennant becoming chairman.

January 20: Forte sells White Hart hotels for £122

January 23: Deadline for acceptances. Granada wins.

out in the media, polarising opinion to an unusual degree, as both sides sought to win the hearts and minds of the shareholders, who would ultimately decide Forte's fate. The Forte cause became the rallying cry of those who view the latest outbreak of bid fever in the City as destructive and shortsighted. They accused Granada of indulging in asset-stripping, Granada sup-porters retorted that the company was challenging the complacency and snob-bery of Forte's establishment culture.

It also focused attention on the role of the fund managers, the pivotal figures in any bid, demonstrating that the fortunes of British industry were now largely in the hands of a few anonymous City men and women. In an unusual move. Mercury Asset Managment lifted the veil of secrecy on its dealings on the last morning and revealed it had cast its 15 per cent stake for Granada. Carol Galley. MAM's vice-chairman, had effectively decided

the outcome of the bid. Forte will quickly become no more than a memory. Its name is likely to be lost from the hotels and restaurants it ran for so many years. But the issues that the takeover battle stirred up are likely to resonate for some time to

Mrs Lucas, too, seems to

unexpected. Perhaps bearing

in mind that seven economists

at the University of Chicago

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al expectations, I wonder?

Yours sincerely.

JOHN RAYBOULD.

The Old Vicarage,



Recession the sinister message of the bull run

Germans, among others, for wishful thinking, little knowing that it al agreement: but now it is official. The Group of Seven met last weekend to consider the signs of a general economic downturn, and produced an agreed solution: they forecast an upturn in the second half of the year. This, of course, excused them from doing anything. This looks likely, but evades a vital question? Up from what? If the current downturn is as sharp as European evidence suggests, even a relative recovery could leave us in recession - and EMU in ruins. Not the best back-

extravagant Euro advertising campaign. This, you may think, is nothing more than a cheap Eurosceptic joke. The G7 is surely as well qualified to

ground to the Commission's

make a forecast as any broker (and some still share the rosy view of the G7), let alone a mere columnist. What is more, the

markets are

endorsing the view, rushing ahead to daily new records; and the markets, on one traditional view, are never wrong. But that assumes that stock markets are good economic forecasters, while their record shows just the opposite - they have forecast eight of the last two recessions. And on a

It is some time since this column spelt out Professor Pepper's view, so here goes. Markets are moved in the short term not by economic expectations, but by the flow of money. When the economy is vigorous, savings and credit flow into real investment in plant and buildings. and into consumer spending. Security markets respond only sluggishly to improved profits and lower government borrowing. In a slowdown, by contrast, companies prefer bids to real expansion, and consumers trim their spending. This pumps money into the markets: it has nowhere else to go. Hence the long history of bull markets in economic recessions. Historically, the this gloomy reading is so far patchy: the German downturn, hard time and price market and in housing. weak investment spending, bid fever. The crucial US economy has been hidden from view by the Government shutdown, but now some suggestive numbers are beginning to appear. The revised, chain-weighted GDP figures for a start sug-gest that the strong 1995 picture was partly a statistical illusion; and the forward-looking indicators of industrial and consumer confidence offer no comfort. It is still far from certain that we are in a Peoper world. but it does look increasingly plausible.

Why the slowdown? The fingers-crossed view is that this is no more than an wili resolve itself as soon as stock ratios

are restored Much of the to normal. But every regrowth in spending cession, deep or otherwise. has been financed starts with an by first-time credit cardholders on low incomes

Gordon Pepper, marketmonetarist interpretation, the opposite: a recession.

bottom of the recession often marks a market peak.The

inventory overshoot; we need to explain why sales have been disappointing, and judge whether the cause is temporary. A new theory was recently put before Congress by Governor Larry Lindsey of the US Federal Reserve; at the least,

it deserves serious attention.

Lindsey cites two causes: growing inequality, and the spread of plastic money. Growing inequality, according to Reaganomic theory, in saving, Victorian-style, it did not. The reason, says Lindsey, citing detailed sta-tistics collected by the Fed, is the democratisation of the credit card. Much of the growth in spending has been financed by credit cards issued to first-time holders with incomes as low as \$10,000 a year. This explains the surge in US consumer debt, and may also explain the slowdown: poor families have run into the credit buffers. Now we may see the Reganomic re-

spending.
This is plausible, though tentative and controversial. Has anything similar happened this side of the pond? We don't know, because our central bankers lack the Fed's intellectual curiosity. Somebody should find out.

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Eurostar's service and the little-known link train From Mr John Grant-Wood

Sir, Sir Alastair Morton's comments on Eurostar (Report, January 11) are depress-

ing but familiar.

My wife and I have booked a few days in The Hague to see the Vermeer Exhibition and will travel by rail. A very reputable travel firm informed me that European Passenger Services could not book first class from Edinburgh to London Waterloo on the link train, and that we could not stay overnight in London on

Tracking shrinking

Sir. You report (December 23)

on the projection by Goldman Sachs that the UK economy

will grow by 1.7 per cent in

1996, well below the Treasury

You also note Goldman

Sachs's belief that destocking

will limit quarterly economic

growth for the last quarter of

1995 and the first quarter of

growth forecasts

From M. C. Fitzpatrick

forecast of 3 per cent.

the way back in order to return on the same service. Our excellent Continental Booking Department at Waverley Station, in Edinburgh. confirmed that they can book me staight through to The Hague first class from Edinburgh, and that I can stay overnight in London both going out and coming back. It s essential to be able to do this, as some journeys to and from Continental Europe obviously arrive too late for the onward connections.

I have not yet met anyone

1996 to just 0.1 per cent in each case, with quarterly growth increasing to 0.4 per cent in the second quarter of 1996. Using these figures, even the · 1,7 per cent overall growth rate forecast by Goldman Sachs appears ambitious. For 1.7 per cent growth to be achieved. quarterly growth in the two final quarters of 1996 would have to accelerate to around 1.2 per cent per quarter - not

impossible, but a tall order.

Is anyone yet running a

sweepstake to predict the date

on which the Treasury will first "downsize" its 1996 growth forecast? Such a downsizing would continue a trend established in respect of the Treasury growth rate forecast for 1995; set at 3.25 per cent in November 1994, it has now been downsized three times to a figure "below 2.75 per cent". Yours faithfully, M. C. FITZPATRICK (Senior Tax Consultant).

Chantrey Vellacott.

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expectation moves house prices From Mr John Raybould what prices will do next" have Sir, Pennington is quite right become a very important aspect of Lucas economics.

The Nobel laureate, his wife and how

to say that house prices are harder to forecast than virtually any other economic statistic know all about the role of the because "As in sub-atomic physics, the market is weirdly affected by the presence of the observer" (December 28). He is supported by none other than the 1995 Nobel Prize Winner in Economics, Professor Robert E Lucas, of the University of Chicago. His highly influential work on the impact of people's "rational expectations" has led, as his Nobel citation notes, "to a fundamental re-think of the efficacy of demand management policies".

So Pennington's comments that, in the housing market, "one of the most important uncertainties is the expectation among house-owners of

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Businesses to pay a higher price for power

power costs. After a period of stability and even falling prices in a buyer's market, companies face a first quarter squeeze with the introduction of a new network code for gas and changes to local distribution costs for electricity

Andrew Gardiner, performance group manager at Procord. says that businesses in the South West could be particularly affected by electricity price rises. He says: "Businesses located further away from the distribution centre will be charged more. Many power generation sites are in the North, where businesses could come out of the changes quite nicely. Historically. power was generated from coalfired stations and they tended to be sited in the coalfields. More recently we have moved to gas-fired stations and the pipelines come in to the northeast coast."

Electricity is lost the further it is transmitted. It is estimated that supplying power to areas away from the power stations can absorb 10 per cent of the power generated. Prices charged to companies will in future reflect that loss.

Following a drop in gas prices in the July-September quarter, the fourth quarter of 1995 saw prices stabilise, according to the Times/Procord index of affice costs.

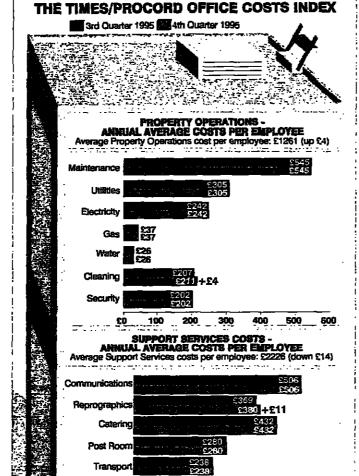
Mr Gardiner believes prices will start to move upwards again next month following the delayed introduction of the network code. The two main increases in costs

in the fourth quarter were in cleaning and reprographics, the Cleaning saw a continuation of

the rise in labour costs experienced through much of 1995 in what is a volatile labour market. Although the cost of cleaning materials stayed steady, the cost of cleaning rose 2 per cent.

Although the price of paper was more stable towards the end of the year, the cost of reprographics rose 3 per cent, with the high demand for this service pushing labour

Mr Gardiner says: "The paper mills have been trying to raise the price further but this has been



resisted. We are, however, likely to see a further increase in paper costs

Other

in the second or third quarter." The good news has been a fall in the cost of office equipment. Barry Varcoe, international performance manager, says: "It is not that the price of faxes and photocopiers has

come down, it is the ability to negotiate discounts. Those who are willing to take the time and trouble to negotiate are likely to see further price falls.

"When models change you can get products that are less than a

need to use the same brand you have always used. Shop around and you can get some good deals. A lot of people just phone up and order for the sheer convenience and they pay the price."

The Times/Procord index showed a fourth quarter increase of £25 per employee to £1,261 in the cost of property operations but a fall of El4 to £2,226 in support

The index is compiled from information from more than 250 offices across the UK.

elecommunications, already the highest support service cost, could see a rise in prices to businesses followed by a fall back almost to today's levels, Mr Varcoe believes. Communications presently costs E506 per office occupant each year, second only to maintenance within the overall facilities management remit. Currently The Times/ Procord Index shows costs being held down by the competitive market, with a number of cable and mobile operators making inroads into the main market. However, the demand for services is also growing rapidly.

Mr Varcoe says: "Paging, faxing and video-conferencing are gathering pace. I should not be surprised if 1996 is the year when it all takes off. A lot of investment is being made in PC-based systems. Increasingly it is not just specialist areas that are demanding specialist services. Businesses generally are Internet as a way of doing business and of promoting themselves."

Although the increased demand will give service providers the chance to raise prices in the short term, that will simply bring more service providers into the market, driving prices back down again, Mr Varcoe suggests. He sees a trend in the UK towards paying for the services taken rather than paying for the telephone line itself. That would reflect the position in America and places such as Singapore and Hong Kong, where local calls are free, and would give free

hesterton, the estate agency, is poised to announce abig boost to its plans to expand its facilities management arm. After four months of negotiations, it hopes to complete an agreement within the next two weeks to take over British Gas. Properties Facilities Management, Rodney Hobson writes.

If the deal goes ahead, it will double the turnover of Chesterton's facilities management business. British Gas PFM employs 1,200 staff at 160 sites. It provides a full range of services for the maintenance of buildings. Gas showrooms are not affected.

Chesterton will pay for the FM division by issuing its own shares to British Gas, which will become a major shareholder as well as a major client. British Gas would hold not more than 25 per cent of Chesterton and would guarantee not to sell its stake for at least three years.

Chesterton had hoped to clinch the deal in November but details took longer than expected to finalise. No major Issues now stand in the way of the deal. Both companies wrote to all the staff involved as part of the consultation process.

British Gas took the decision to sell after a wide-ranging review of how to save money and make its operations more efficient.

It believes that a takeover by Chesterton would give the affected employees a chance to contin-

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be given the option of taking voluntary redundancy. Some will

be able to continue working for

British Gas in another

facilities management business

nearly two years ago. Acquisitions have included Consolidated

FPM, Cyril Sweett and Bell-

The British Gas contract is

expected to be for six years and is

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in the public sector, retailing and construction and property.

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Net association

A TRADE association to represent Britain's Internet providers has been formed. The Internet Services Providers Association has 25 members under the chairmanship of Shez Hamill of Cablenet. The association's committee includes Chris Cain of Aladdin, Cindy Copsey of Innotts, Peter Dawe of Pipex, Mark

contract out non-core operations. especially when loss of jobs can be avoided. Late last year Hoskyns, the computer services group, won a competitive tender to run information systems for British Gas for 18 months.

Hoskyns made a deliberate effort to persuade existing British Gas staff to come on to its books. Of the 1,150 affected, 600 have switched. The remainder have stayed with British Gas or taken

voluntary redundancy. Chris Moffat, executive director of Hoskyns, says: "We are delighted that so many skilled people have chosen to join us. The mission was to attract people to work with Hoskyns, but also to make other options as clear as

Hoskyns is the British subsidiary of Cap Gemini Sogeti, which claims to be Europe's largest computer services company and the fifth largest in the world. Hoskyns has main offices in six British cities and in Dublin, plus a network of smaller offices and

The British Gas contract is estimated to be worth £55 million. British Gas is currently in the restructuring designed to save £600 million a year, part of which involves the closure of 14 data centres. But until new systems are in place, the task for Hoskyns will be to ensure that the existing systems continue to work

Duddy of Dialnet, Nick Hixson of Bournemouth-Net, Aled Morris

Feeding 3,000

THE catering contract to feed 3,000 staff at the head office of Norwich Union, the insurance group, has been awarded to Nelson Hind Catering Manage ment, adding more than £1.5 million to the turnover of the Rugby-based company.

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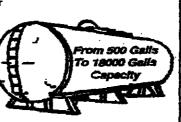
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Check your building now to see if it satisfies new legislation, Widget Finn advises

Millbank, central London, hit the headlines during its Whistler exhibition when protesters demonstrated against the restricted number of wheelchairs allowed in the galleries.

"The problem arose because our own warders were responsible for evacuating wheelchair users in the event of a fire," Sandy Nairn, director of public and regional services for the Tate Gallery, says. The simple and commonsense solution which we've adopted is to move the wheelchair users to a designated safe place until they can be evacuated by the emergency services."

The Tate's Whistler and Dynasty exhibitions attracted an older audience than the regular visitors to contemporary shows, and their presence highlighted the need for good signing and generous circula-tion areas which would also benefit parents with small children and pushchairs.

New legal requirements and a lottery application have been the catalyst for the Tate to review its existing buildings in a drive to improve customer

Legislation and the lottery are forcing organisations to focus on whether their buildings are accessible to disabled people. An increasing number of organisations are conducting access audits to establish what adjustments they will have to make to bring their buildings in line with new regulations.
The criteria for lottery

awards include suitable access so that everyone can make full use of a building. The Disability Discrimination Act which goes on the statute books this month — is relevant to a much wider group, requiring all providers of goods and services to give "reasonable" access to disabled people. The definition of "reasonable" has yet to be clarified, and there is a ten-year period for alterations to be completed. There will be no brownie points for leaving compliance to the last minute and prudent organisations are already setting up programmes of improvement. Initial government esti-

mates that compliance with the new Act would cost British business £17 billion have been exposed as scaremongering. Many adjustments which

How to pass an access audit



Wheelchair users now have special access to the Tate Gallery via a side entrance

make a building accessible for disabled people cost little or nothing, says David Bonnett. an architect specialising in disability design. Often the such as installing clear signs or providing an information sheet about the building. Adjustments can be combined with regular repairs and in-cluded in standard budgets. Dr Bonnett adds.

"Incorporating vision pan-els on doors at wheelchair height, lowering door handles or raising electrical sockets can easily be done as part of a building's normal refurbish-

ment," he says. "Even redeco-ration provides an opportunity for improvements. Door openings can be highlighted by choosing contrasting colours, key is good communications, + and laying the right carpet will vertical and horizontal planes clearer for people with physical impairments."

Some requirements, such as lifts or disabled toilets, will be expensive, says Dr Bonnett, but the trick is to look at the programme as a long-term plan and build in major items as part of your overall maintenance programme.

Organisations should not

get too worried at the prospect of legislation of legislation, says Sarah Langton-Lockton, chief executive for the Centre for Accessible Environments, which provides information about

"An access audit is a starting point for getting to know the shortcomings of a building and drawing up a plan to remedy them." Ms Langton-Lockton says. "The cost of an audit is relatively small and an important investment at any early stage in the programme.

An initial half-day site meeting with the facilities manager to discuss the problems is followed by a report which identifies the relevant areas and the resources which will be required. The cost for assessing a typical office huilding is about \$1,500 and enables the organisation to judge the scale of work involved. the scale of work involved, Fees for the main audit conducted by a surveyor are about

Improving access benefits more than just the disabled. which means that the cost can be spread among several budgets, according to Madeleine Collin, Oxford Brookes University, where Ms Collin is an adviser for disabled students, has two campuses. The hotchpotch of buildings are illsuited to disabled people and also to Brookes's large popula-tion of mature students. The university wanted a strategic approach to access which could be completed in a tenyear rolling programme of

ts access audit recon-mended priority for lowcost adaptations, such as removing a couple of chairs in the lecture theatre to make proper space for wheelchairs and installing a hand-rail in the centre of wide steps.

The university will crossreference all future works by making the report available to the buildings and estate de-partments." Ms Collin says, so that designing for disability is something we think about before rather than afterwards."

Dr Bonnett argues that a good access audit demonstrates the added value of improving access. The Tate Gallery's from entrance, approached by sweeping steps, is a daunting climb for anyone but the most agile. The general refurbishment scheme provides a wheelchair-accessible side entrance which places visitors - disabled or otherwise - nearer to the information desk, shop, café and

"Thoughtful design, like a non-slip floor surface or a sheltered entrance, benefits us all," Dr Bonnett says. "An access audit looks at how to make buildings more convenient and safer for everyone." • Information on access auditor,

from the Centre for Accessible Environments (0171-357 81820). The Access Committee for Eng-

Make your move without a muddle

one location to another is how to handle computers and other sophisticated technicai equipment

A move will involve more than unplugging connections, carrying the equipment and floppy disks to the new site and then rewiring them. Obstacles - human, physical and technical - will have to be overcome. Back-up systems may be needed to keep the company working while on the move, and there is the issue of security - the loss through accident or their of vital components.

Some managers think that relocating a company is just like moving house: a simple matter of a lorry and some men turning up to carry equipment from one place to another." Tony Leach. project manager for Hewlett-Packard's relocation team, says. "It is a highly complex

operation which requires detailed planning and good communication. Some problems might be obvious, such as dealing with partitions erected after the technology was installed, but others can be more fundamental."

Hewlett-Packard provides a complete site survey of a company's new location and

makes recommendations about power supplies, air conditioning, room layout and information technology. Its Relocation Services branch is part of the computing company's network integration services division, which is linked to the facilities management

Among the moves it has achieved is one in south London for Mondial Assistance the emergency system which provides 24-hour medi-cal services. The logistics involved in this type of move are complex," Stuart Cadlock, Mondial's IT manager, says. Through Relocation Services. had only one point of

The biggest nightmare of contact that covered all the moving a business from suppliers involved in the move. This allowed for a smooth process which neight otherwise have become conthrough fused

misunderstandings." One point of contact and thorough planning are two of the rules of relocation set down by Nigel Dowler, marketing manager of Hewlett-Packard's network integration services division. Mondial's change was achieved by moving the technology in two operations. Some equipment remained at the old location while the rest was installed as part of an upgraded data and

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voice network in the new

shift basis, so the switchover

took place as one shift finished

in the old office and the next

one began in the new location.

When the new premises were

ment was transferred. "Al-

though each system ran on

slightly reduced processing

capacity during the move, this

made no practical difference to

the company or its clients," Mr

Although they were not

required on this occasion.

Relocation Services can call up

Hewlett-Packard's mobile

computing centres, which

Dowler says.

online, the remaining equip

Mondial staff work on a

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electronic stair-climber with caterpillar tracks and protective corners is employed. Strategic equipment is often divided into two loads for journeys from one site to

have enough computers and

space for 20 people, to take

over the basic data functions of

be considered in moving deli-

cate technical equipment.

When the path is clear, air-

cushioned platforms with protective edges are brought in to carry the computers. If the

equipment needs to negotiate

stairs, a device called an

Care and security must also

a company during a move.

another. "We would hardly be doing our job properly if a client lost all its equipment in the unlikely event of a lorry crash or ferry disas-ter," Mr Leach says. "This safety-first ap-

proach can have its own problems, however. French lorry drivers started a blockade of the Channel ports while we were moving a company from England to France. One computer load beat the blockade but the other was

lems surrounds relocations from one country to another. Customs officers can be extremely suspicious of IT equipment. "The US Customs is

always concerned about computers coming in from Eastern Europe, and the only way of avoiding lengthy delays is to make sure that every conceivable piece of paperwork has been properly done," Mr Dowler says.

👕 e and his team have to cope with differing power and telephone networks during international moves. The experts also find that when multinationals are consolidating their operations in a new centre, departments from different countries move at varying paces and allowances must be made for this.

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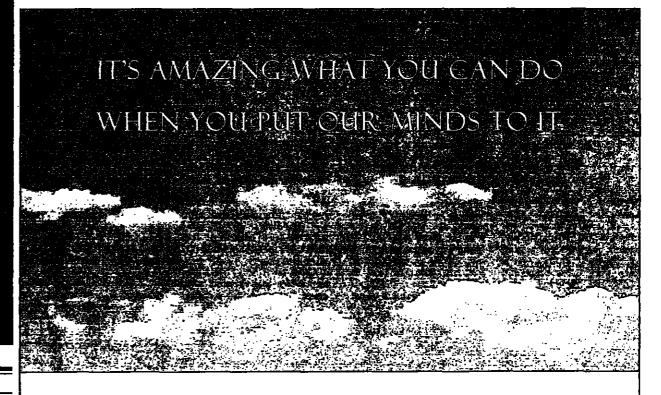
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The toys and trappings of a tycoon

The helicopter took off and vanished into the clouds

he toys, as Arthur Andersen's administrators affectionately refer to them, included the Lady Ghislaine. two executive Gulfstream jets and a helicopter.

Robert Maxwell's helicopter, a twin Squirrel, was traditionally parked on the roof of Maxwell House in London's New Fetter Lane. Peter Tuch, project managing the administration, harboured

There was little evidence to suggest that Maxwell's private interests had any right to use the MCC building. More to the point, the "private side" owed funds to MCC. Would Price Waterhouse, MCC's administrators, dare to seize the gleaming blue and white toy that sported a red MGN lion? practitioner (it takes one to know one) decided to transfer the helicopter to the vicinity of

From his eighth floor office in Arthur Andersen's Surrey Street headquarters, John Talbot, masterminding recovery operations, enjoyed a clear view of Maxwell House, Talbot knew of Tuch's concerns but was unaware of the pend-

ing transfer. Tales are still told of how Talbot looked up from his

desk and watched, hor-Melvyn Marckus on how the rified, as one of his precious administrators assets took off homed in on and vanished Maxwell's baubles clouds. Fearing a hi-jack, and pet projects the speed of

scent to Tuch's office broke all records. Interest in Maxwell's Squirrel did not break all records and the chopper was finally sold for some £250,000

into

in the autumn of 1992. The Lady Ghislaine, named after Maxwell's youngest daughter, was one of the media mogui s dest-known as sets. When MCC launched its \$2.35 billion takeover bid for Macmillan Inc., the US publishing house, in 1988, Maxwell chose the yacht as the venue for a press conference. To guarantee an audience, the Cap'n jetted half a dozen journalists out of Heathrow to Bastia, on the Corsican coast, where the 180 ft yacht was moored. Maxwell depicted MCC as a "white knight". rescuing the publishing house from the ruthless clutches of Robert Bass, a Texas investor. Journalists, padding around the decks in stockinged feet. noted this. They also noted that the Lady Ghislaine was linked by fax, telephone and satellite to numerous parts of the Maxwell empire parts that others at sea might not reach. Deck phones were programmed to merchant banks in New York and London. Another line connected Maxwell with the Daily Mirror newsroom from where, he let it be known, he could receive a copy of the newspaper's front page at the same time as the

Maxwell bought the yacht

for £15 million from the family of Adnan Khashoggi, the arms from the front page of the Daily Mirror included a gymnasium, a disco, a glassbottomed Jacuzzi on the sun deck, whirlpools and a cine-ma. When the administrators inherited the yacht it was moored in Palma, de Majorca, running up costs of around \$70,000 a month. Steve Peacock, an accountant, was disnatched, with a lawver, to ensure the vessel was secure To Peacock's dismay, the yacht yielded up few of Maxwell's secrets, despite the presence of two Chubb safes.

Neither Martin Fishman nor his colleagues were experienced in the disposal of yachts. particularly those chartered by the likes of Frank Sinatra. In the event, it was decided to transfer the Lady Ghislaine to Antibes, in the South of France, and market her through Camper and Nicholson, the brokers. Given that Maxwell had spent his last hours aboard the boat, the administrators were warned that little interest could be expected from the supersti-tious Japanese and Chinese. This proved correct.

The John Bannenburg creation, built by the Dutch Arnels yard. subject of a

Nicholson brochure, olete with 24 glossy colour photographs. Camper and Nicholson objected strongly

the window of a rival shiproker's Cowes office. The caption read: "Guard rail mended. Fishman recalls "consider-

able interest" complicated by the fact that, because principals invariably wanted to remain anonymous, negotiathrough intermediaries.

The yacht, originally put up for sale at a "guideline" price of \$19.75 million, is reputed to have been sold to a businessman for nearer \$12 million. Arthur Andersen, bound and gagged by confidentiality agreements, refuse to be drawn on these details.

When Tuch asked Maxwell's pilot why his former chief kept two jets, he was informed that the Gulfstream GII was a spare, used if the GIV was under repair. Mr Maxwell didn't like to be without his plane." The GIV, valued at some \$20 million. was perceived as the Rolls-Royce of executive jets. not least by its owner. Cleaners were encouraged to "buff" this

particular toy.

The GIV is thought to have been sold (complete with confidentiality agreements) to a South American company for close on the \$20 million asking price. The GII, having reached its "sell by" date, is believed to have gone to a US broker for something less than the \$3 million asking price.



The Cap'n aboard the Lady Ghislaine. He flew journalists out to the 180ft yacht, moored off Corsica, to launch MCC's \$2.35 million bid for Macmillan Inc

Unpaid employees helped to keep The European's presses rolling

trators, found himself contemplating the plight of The European on Thursday. December 5, 1991. This pan-European venture was one of Robert Maxwell's pet projects. launched with characteristic razzmatazz in the spring of

Fishman's first tête-à-tête ing enterprise. What Fishman wanted to know was could The European stand alone amid the corporate debris and continue to publish? The essence of lan Maxwell's reply was "no". The European was short of cash and would not be able to meet its salary obligations. Mirror Group Newspapers provided the production facilities that were crucial to the newspaper's survival. Further inquiries revealed that Robert Maxwell had poured some £50 million into The European, where losses were running at £1 million a month on a circulation of 250,000. Against this backdrop, the directors agreed to petition for administration.

Fishman's next tête-à-tête took place that evening with John Bryant, editor of The European, and now deputy editor of The Times. Fishman recalls a tense gathering with half a dozen senior journalists in Bryant's office. The issue for Friday, December 6, had come out, but a question mark hung over the next week's edition. Fishman explained

administrators would be paid, but drastic cost cuts were required. Bryant decided to shelve the Elan section of the newspaper. Urgent talks with MGN saw printing opera-tions abandoned in France and the US. Production was confined to the UK and

grappling with the almost insurmountable problem of staff cuts and still produce a newspaper. On Monday, Bry-

brought out without contributions from many of the journalists under the guillotine. It would appear only if the staff agreed to work without pay. The message, delivered by Bryant and Fishman at a hastily convened meeting, was that survival was possible if the paper remained on the street. There would be no pay, jobs would be lost, but some

pean was kept alive.

Fishman acknowledges

matic moment. The troops rallied round. That was when the mood changed, the adren-alin started to flow." He adds: "We had to complete four sides of a square. To

save the paper, we needed the journalists, the production facility, the distribution system, and the advertising operation. If one fell, the paper fell."

Numerous problems dogber 13 issue, not least a threat by certain freelance journal-

for earlier work, to issue an injunction if their copy was used. Although the 84th issue of The European appeared, fears mounted that it would prove the last. Bryant left to join The Times and Fishman made 145 staff redundant.

Ambushed by journalists of December 12, Fishman declared: "If the negotiate. We are still hopeful of a sale." At this point, talks

Fishman to give a green light for the December 20 issue. No issue was envisaged for December 27, a holiday period that served to give The Euro-

Year's Eve, the administranext four issues. This offered potential purchasers a running start

Days later, on Friday, January 2, the phone rang in Fishman's office. The message, from Greg McLeod, Fishman's manager, was: Tve got someone downstairs who wants to buy." "Is be serious?" retorted Fishman. "He's got a banker's draft in his pocket and a lawyer by his side," came the reply. Other interested parties were informed that a deal was in the offing. Later, Fishman departed to Allen & Overy's City offices to work through the night on a contract of sale signed at 8am on Saturday.

Enter the Barclay brothers David and Frederick — as the new proprietors of The European. In keeping with their low-profile image, the Barclays, who reside in Monte Carlo, have never divulged the price paid for The European. Speculation has it that the twins, owners of the Ritz and London's Howard Hotel bought their first newspaper free of debt for significantly



Martin Fishman, left, and John Bryant, then editor of The European, on the night the 84th edition was brought out

The long goodbye to Ma'ariv in Israel



Rooms at the Tel Aviv Hilton were 'swept' for bugs

t took Alan Katz, a partner in Arthur Andersen's Leeds office, one day in Israei to decide that operation Ma'ariv required reinforcements to the four-man contingent that had boarded the first flight from Heathrow to Tel Aviv on Thursday, December 5, 1991. Hours before the firm's annual jamboree on the Saturday, Richard Fleming and two colleagues from the Leeds office received a summons to the Middle East. The trio wined and dired at Ripley Castle until lam, when they bowed out in order to catch a 7am flight to Tel Aviv. They let it be known that they would be away for a formight. In the event, the assignment lasted three months.

Maxwell's "private side", via Maxwell Media Trust, held an 85 per cent stake in the Ma'ariv Modi'in Publishing House, which controlled Ma'ariv, Israel's second largest daily newspaper after Yediot Aharonot. All in all, the business encompassed some 20 offshoots with a turnover of \$70 million and net assets of \$15 million. It took Robert Maxwell two years to secure his 35 per cent grip on Ma'ariv Modi'in and absolute control was not clinched until September 1991 a matter of weeks before his death. Maxwell's original \$30 million purchase price had been agreed after a 40-minute meeting. Ma'ariv's managers and various outside shareholders held the outstanding 15 per cent stake. Katz's priority was to protect the business and

place a value on it. With net assets of \$15 million.

the 85 per cent stake commanded a face value of

potential, but was seriously under-capitalised and argently required a cash injection of some \$10 million.

Industrial espionage came to light soon after Katz set up base. Workmen appeared to fix phones and lavatories. This rang alarm bells, not least because such facilities had shown no visible signs of malfunction. A security firm was called in to "sweep" the rooms at the Tel Aviv Hilton and the team's office on a daily basis. Several microphones and cameras were uncovered. Katz

his ambition to add Ma'ariv to the English language Jerusalem Post that he had acquired in 1989. Dov Judkovsky, editor of Ma arty, and Aharon Dovrat, a director - both of whom had been close to Maxwell - spearheaded one of several Israeli consortiums. Also to the fore was the Israel Land Development Company, controlled by Ya'akov Nimrodi, the former Israeli military attache in Iran who featured in the Irangate arms controversy.

Ma'ariv's banks - owed some \$30 million -

6 Members of the team were regularly followed and intimidating phone calls were made to their families 9

recalls how staff were regularly followed as they left the hotel or went to lunch. More alarming, for the Tel Aviv team, was a series of intimidating phone calls to their families in the UK.

News of Maxwell's death had plunged Ma'ariv into a chapter of power-plays. Management, or associated factions, were variously considering a management buyout, attempting to launch a new newspaper, grappling with a cashflow crisis and negotiating with strike threatening unions.

A blast of media publicity greeted Katz & Co's arrival and several parties expressed interest. Conrad Black chairman of Hollinger, the

were eager to improve their respective positions, not least because many had relied, in part, on guarantees from other Israeli companies associated with Maxwell Discussions revealed that Maxwell had negatively pledged his shares to the banks, a manoeuvre that meant the banks effectively enjoyed a right of veto over a potential

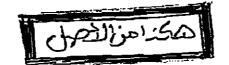
purchaser of the 85 per cent share block. To complicate matters further, a document, dated one week after Maxwell's death, came to light. This purportedly recorded a meeting held two weeks before Maxwell's death at which additional pre-emption rights appeared to have been granted to third parties. Katz recalls how, when certain inconsistencies were queried, the letter was abruptly withdrawn.

The most serious problem related to the preemption rights of certain shareholders. Interested parties, with no shareholding, were reluctant to carry out due diligence for fear that, if they made an acceptable offer, they would be ambushed by a shareholder with pre-emption rights. Let a night a middle of the control of the co rights. Late nights with lawyers, examining Israeli legislation and the pre-emption agreements, finally yielded a scheme designed to force the bands of bolders of pre-emption rights and the external bidders. The accountants created a "newco" called Marnline, a subsidiary of Maxwell Media Trust, as a vehicle to launch an \$18 million offer for the 85 per cent share block. This would set the clock ticking for shareholders to exercise their pre-emption rights.

This ingenious device, greeted with not a little indignation, served its purpose and duly promoted cross-party discussions. Late one February evening, Fleming telephoned Katz in the UK to seek final approval to strike a deal. Shortly after, reports broke that Nimrodi, working in harness with Shimon Cheifetz, Ma'ariv's managing director who held an 8 per cent stake, had outbid Black with an offer of around \$14.5 million.

Tomorrow: the final part of Hunt for the Missing Millions

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The Ralf Ralf brothers find much to be surreal about in international diplomacy

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FANTASTIC. The experimental double act Ralf Ralf is electrifyingly dextrous: Brothers Jonathan and Barnaby Stone seamlessly meld silent gesture, gibberish and gymnastićs, political satire, percussive rhythms and a cappella chanting. The Summit, their razor-sharp and very furny vision of international negotiations first inspired by the thawing Cold War but of startling current pertinence — is to be made into a film. I can't wait.

Meanwhile, I shall be dashing back to the BAC for replays of the live version, part of the London International Mime Festival and BAC's strong Physical And Visual Theatre Season.

Stone and Stone, rivalling each other in grey suits, hair slicked for the diplomatic fray, address us from behind matching lecterns. They mim-

> The Summit BAC, SW11

ic the rhetorical tricks of political speechmakers with merciless precision: the chatty kick-off; the ironic pause with raised eyebrow, the ranting crescendo; the sudden cut to hushed visionary tones. Communist or capitalist, Labour or Tory, these arch-enemies are talking gobbledegook. And yet

we understand them perfectly. The scenes are snapshots, more like musical movements in fact. At one point, the two men circle their long conference table, approaching each other warily and backing away in what might be a childish game, a cocklight or a

courtship dance. Elsewhere the slamming of fists on the table develops into a complex drumming duet of rapping knuckles and slap-ping palms. Foot stamping, Romany-style or just plain furious, intertwines aggression with the suggestion of close cultural roots. The men harmonise, but competitively.

Ralf Ralf's work is not just beautifully phrased and pol-ished. The Summit invests its performance styles (mime, nonsense-speak or music) with pointed meaning, attaining far-reaching social and political significance. This place might be Bosnia, Ireland, anywhere. Flabbergast-ingly skilful, the gibberish embraces flickers of heated Italian that blur into Indian.

The party-political speechmakers shift into incanting priests, Catholic or Muslim. Out of an African tribal chorus, its pulse built from breaths, rises a Celtic

Lastly there is the silence. A vast sense of bleakness, as well as peace, wells up when these two men stop speaking and go to stand in their far corners, caught under narrow beams of light, apparently listening for orders from on

The innovator takes his bow

Violinist Gidon Kremer is to explore his world in a special series of concerts. John Allison reports

idon Kremer is one of the outstanding violinists of our day — and much more. His distinctive artistry and the way in which he has led music in new directions are testimony to a holistic approach rare among even his finest colleagues. On Saturday he appears in London for the first part of the Philharmonia Orchestra's Gidon Kremer Series, four concerts of exceptional interest that will nevertheless reveal only a few aspects of

his repertory.

Spaced comfortably over the next few months — the series continues until early June — the concerts also give little idea of what, by Kremer's own admission is his.

wn admission, is his "crazy life". When we met in Lille one afternoon last week he was still unsure of where in the city he would be playing the Brahms Violin Concerto that evening. He had arrived from Stras-

and was moving on to Paris for a chamber music concert the following day. He spends ten months of the year travelling and seems to thrive on it: "To do so much wonderful music is refreshing," he says. Kremer, who was

born in Riga into a Jewish-German-Swedish family, finds it

hard to establish where home really is. "I should consider myself somewhat Latvian: having spent the first 18 years of my life there, and having played my first concert there. But I spent 15 years in Moscow, and when I was first allowed out to play in the West I was often looked upon as a Soviet violinist, whatever that meant. I admit that Russian culture and the Russian 'soul' became very dear to me. I give all credit to my education in Moscow, to my many colleagues there who influenced my way in

He gives credit above all to his violin teacher for eight years in Moscow, the great David Oistrakh, who influenced both his musical thinking and his mastery of the instrument. "I was very lucky to be so close to such a man. The main thing I learned from Oistrakh was that you have to be well-equipped technically. It doesn't help just to be musically gifted - without the 'apparatus' of playing, you can't convert feelings or thoughts into sounds.

"I also learnt that a great artist can be generous with his ideas. Oistrakh was never dogmatic, and he established a good rapport with his many different students on the basis of their individual talents. I think he gained confidence in the way I developed, even though as a musician and violinist I was very different to him."

THE Purcell tercentenary is over and the King's Consort is set to explore other terrain: a series of recordings of Vivaldi's sacred music is planned, and Italian composers dominated their programme at the Wigmore Hall. Robert King and his Consort have always belonged to the polite school of Purcell performance, but will they be able to bring more passion to the italian masters

On the basis of this concert, the answer would appear to be no. Some years ago they might ng for orders from on have got away with performances like these, with the blandness being laid at the composers door. But now the Perhaps it was from Oistrakh that Kremer inherited his broad artistic outlook. "Many aspects of music interest me, but no more than the visual arts and drama. And I'm not a violin freak. I used to listen to recordings of violinists — it was important to hear someone like Heifetz reaching for more than just efficiency or beauty, reaching out for something divine — but I don't any longer. I can't tell you anything about my colleagues!"

Kremer must know, though, that he has one of the biggest repertories in the business, stretching from new works back to before Bach, "I look into the museum of music and realise that much of it is still very contemporary. I'm not on terms with authentic playing, because to me what matters is original music-making, and unfortunately this is more sel-dom to be found than people playing bourg having performed the same on original instruments. It's not the work the night before, on original instruments. It's not the method of producing art that is important,

6 In real but the results." He devotes much time to chamber music you music, and admits he will "use any occasion can't cover to do so". Indeed, two regular partners up your the pianist Martha Argerich and cellist Mischa Maisky --. soul 🤊 will be joining him for a concert of three Russian trios presented as part of the Philharmonia's

There is also his chamber music festival at Lockenhaus in Austria, which serves as a forum for young artists who then tour under the title Kremerata Musica. Deutsche Grammophon, his record company. issued the first Kremerata Musica

disc only last week. Kremer's concerts with the Philharmonia will include both the Brahms and Tchaikovsky concertos, but also music by several composers from the former Soviet Union. "I'm so attached to music of the past that I'll never allow myself to be labelled a 20th-century specialist. But I think it is my duty not just to be a customer of the works museum. I have to follow the pattern of my teacher and many others in keeping music alive by making all possible ties with today's composers. And I don't like to restrict myself to one style — I find my disappointments and pleasures in all kinds of music."

Saturday's performance is to be preceded by a free concert in which Kremer will present two works dear to him; a double concerto for violin and piano entitled Nevertheless by the Latvian Georgs Pelecis, a friend from schooldays, and V and V, a piece by the Georgian Giya Kancheli for violin and taped voice. Kancheli re-appears in the final concert with



"If I was looking only for accessible works, I would go into the pop scene," says Gidon Kremer

his more substantial Lament. Schnittke is represented by his Violin Concerto No 4, one of several works he has written for Kremer.

There are intriguing rarities, too, including Stravinsky's arrangements of two pieces from Sleeping Beauty which feature a solo violin, and Kremer's own arrangements of arias from Arthur Lourie's unperformed Pushkin opera. The Blackamoor of

Peter the Great, a work he is keen to just be for snobs," he continues. "Of

promote. Kremer describes the Pelecis and Kancheli pieces as "sincere and very accessible - although that is not the point. If I was looking only for accessible works, I would go into the pop scene. But audiences have to be encouraged to lose their reservations

about new music. "Contemporary music should not

course, some composers are using music for self-promotion, but in real music you can't cover up your soul.

"Whatever your style, if you have something to say it will be sensed and if you have nothing to say that will be sensed too."

● The Gidon Kremer Series begins at the Festival Hall, South Bank, London SEI (0171-960 4206) on Saturday

POP

Brats grow up at last

THE label "alternative" that's supposedly sewn inside the shirt collars of Britain's current modern rock crop grows less appropriate. The rise of Britpop in 1995 led, as ever, to yesterday's alternative becom-

ing today's mainstream. The effect on the Brat Awards — introduced by the New Musical Express 10 counter the complacency of the bigger, fatter Brits - has been to remove the bullets from their gun. Many of the bands nominated for the alternative gongs are also in line for the establishment awards. Brats can be Brits.

Not that such nuances have been bothering the multitudes in the towns at which the NME's Bratbus has pulled in. The tour has presented a series of excellent four-band shows, with the Astoria hosting six days' worth of guitarswith-attitude from, doubtless,

> The Bluetones Astoria, Wl

some of next year's Brit nominees. It culminated with a four-course blow-out featuring Fluffy, Heavy Stereo, the Car-

digans and the Bluetones. Perhaps the best way to address the gaucheries of the main act is to address the Bluetones as one of the bands most likely to, and not as the finished article.

Just last June, they were another set of guitar-popsters-in-waiting, but the industry's voracity for new talent now allows little incubation for fledgling creativity. Two Top 40 singles later, the Bluetones are on the eve of a first album and their own 24-date tour, which is hardly the moment to start growing up.

Thus were revealed four young pretenders with no tion or pacing. But the album, Expecting to Fly, out on February 12, does enough to suggest that their songwriting skills are ripening. Meanwhile, their jangling cheerfulness will see them prominent in next weekend's chart with the

third single. Slight Return. Too melodious to be Brats, but that should not rule out a shot at the bigger prize.

PAUL SEXTON

Let's hear it for the bland

of the Baroque?

competition is much tougher, and not only from British chamber groups with real interpretative flair like Romanesca or the Palladian Ensemble. The Italians have discovered historically-aware performance and are bringing a new and vibrant approach to the music of their past. Concerto Italiano, L'Europa Galante and the Accademia Bizantina are now interpreting this repertory with formi-dable panache, bringing to it a sense of conviction that was lacking from this concert.

CONCERT King's Consort Wigmore Hall

Christopher Frayling is odds-on to be the next head of the RCA — if he can fit it into his schedule. Simon Tait reports

Hundreds of cantatas by Alessandro Scarlatti survive, and while it would be fair to say that his inspiration was less consistent than that of Bach or Handel, he could. nevertheless, compose some very fine music. Take, for instance, the astonishingly ex-

Lumi" from Su Le Sponde Del Tebro. or the lyrical concluding Pastorale from the Christmas cantata O Di Betlemme Altera. Here the former was marred by sour intonation in the violins, while the latter, for want of any real shaping, lost its way like the sheep it urged the shepherds to forsake. In both cantatas, the soprano Deborah York was the soloist. Her bright-toned, pure voice is ideally suited to this repertory, although she needs to get more under the skin of the

stylistic idiom, and the inflee tions of the language. James Bowman took the solos in senings of the Salve

Regina by Hasse and Scarlatti fils. Bowman's appearance never seems to change, but his voice is, sadly, beginning to lack its former sustaining power and flexibility. The violins, still only one to

a part, perked up for Geminiani's Concerto Grosso in E minor (Op 3), but elsewhere even Crispian Steele-Perkins's trumpet-playing sounded too casual. The King's Consort cannot afford to be so complacent right now.

TESS KNIGHTON

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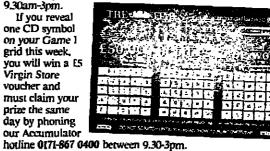


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Ideas man whose time has come



"The place has become more thoughtful": Christopher Frayling, polymath Pro-Rector of the Royal College of Art

The Royal College of Art. according to Christo-pher Frayling, is going through a period of legato— "smooth and connected, without breaks" according to the dictionary - after a decade of staccato which included the seven-year reign of Jocelyn Stevens, when almost every head of department left the college. Frayling, the sole survivor, was widely expected to be Stevens's successor as Rector three years ago, but instead the sculptor Anthony Jones was brought in from Chicago.

Now Jones has resigned. returning to America to care for his sick son. His successor will be named by May. Frayling must be the favourite again, but he says he may not

be in the running. Much has changed since 1993 for the man Huw Wheldon once called the Kenneth Clark of pop culture. He is now Pro-Rector, which makes him head of the academic side of the college, which he loves. He is the longest-serving Arts Council member, chairman of its film

and photography panel, and of the V&A board of trustees. He has also developed a more public role as the nation's cultural historian, ubiquitous on radio and television. His radio series on Holly-

wood's cockeyed way with history, called Print the Legend, has just ended, and next month he finishes filming a four-part history of horror for BBC1. These are merely the latest in a long line of books and broadcasts on subjects ranging from films — it was he who invented the phrase "spaghetti western" — to Tutankhamun, medieval history, vampires and Byron.

And now he is tackling the RCA itself. He is behind the huge Design of the Times exhibition which opens at the college on February 7 to celebrate its centenary - or is it centenary-and-a-half plus a bit more? Nine years ago Frayling wrote a book called The Royal College of Art: One Hundred and Fifty Years of Art and Design, for the place was going for 59 years as the

Government School of Design

RCA is the longest experiment in design ever," Frayling says. Bauhaus was 1919 to 1931 and Ulm was the 1960s, but we started in 1837 and are still trying things out. The exhibition will show that in the 1980s design was becoming a lot more confident: it was a time of big ideas. In the 1990s the place has become much more thoughtful."

hen the college started, design was a matter of receiving cratefuls of white, unadorned pots from Stoke and painting flowers on them. Then came Christopher Dresser, a student and lecturer at the college, whose designs presaged the Arts and Crafts Movement. In the early 20th century Charles Sargeant Jagger was the leader of popular taste, designing innumerable memorial statues after the First

World War. In 1940 the college was evacuated to Ambieside, Cumbria, where everyone became a landscape painter and the

disguises for themselves. Later, British Pop Art was born here, and the late Mark Boxer, founder editor of The Sunday Times Magazine, said that the phenomenon of newspaper colour supplements was inspired by the RCA's publica-tion, Ark. Then came postmodernism, and the exhibition has a typical piece from the "staccato" 1980s: a slow fan, a useless object whose virtues lie in the design notion. To illustrate the legato 1980s there is a startling electronic contraceptive, said to be more effective and safer than the Pill.

"Students are worried about the planet now, about animal rights, about their future," Frayling says. "It's a much more grown-up sort of place than it was in the 1980s. Even today. 70 per cent of the work done here is design."

 Design of the Times, sponsored by L.G. Electronics, is at the Royal College of Art. Kensington Gore, London SW7 (0171-584 5020) from Feb 7-March 20



■ CHOICE 1 The Emerson String Quartet begin their Beethoven cycle VENUE: From tonight at

the Queen Elizabeth Hall

<u>ELSEWHERE</u>

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment complied by Kris Anderson

CARDIFF The SBC National Orchestra of Wales lakes a lunchism

conducts. Martin Roscoe is the pranist St David's Hall, The Hayes (01222 878444), Today, 1.05pm. (5)

GLASGOW. Scottish Opera continues its season with La traviala.

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Antony Sher plays the painter Stanley Spencer in a new Pam Gems play VENUE: Now in preview at the Cottesioe

■ CHOICE 2





Nuria Espert's staging of La traviata comes back to Glasgow at the Theatre Royal

■ CHOICE 3



LONDON

EMERSON STRING QUARTET: EMERSON STRING QUARTET: America's remarkable ensemble opens another Beethoven series torsight, poking up where Britain's own flushrous Lindsay Quartet left off curtier the month at the Wigmore. Also at the South Bank, planist Emanuel Ax jons Christoph von Dotherlyy and the Philliammonia Orchestra for a programme of Schoenberg, Mozant and more Beethoven. uth Bunk, SE1 (0171-960 4242). RFH: Phillip hitharmonia, 7.30pm. QEH ion, 7.45pm. (3)

UCHEDA RETURNS: London is treated to his log-light panets bonden is treated to his log-light panets bonden. As at the South Bank and Missike Uchida, making her second appearance here this week. Tonght she performed his with the London Symphony Orchestra, as part of the Bruckner/Mccart senes. Colin Davis conducts. Davis conducts Barbican, Sil: Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7.30pm. (§)

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Fame found in Surrey: the sixth-form college where everybody learns show business

YOUNG ARTS

Hilary Finch on the Surrey school where lessons are learnt by putting on a show



Stage of life: Hurtwood pupils rehearsing their recent show, Grease. Some will go to drama schools, others to university creative arts courses

n a dance studio perched Where work is one high on a hilltop, a group of 17-year-old girls is being put through its jazz and contemporary paces by long playtime Micky Hunt. In a suite of tinv. dark rooms off the main theatre foyer, Morgan Bryars is teaching three A-level music technology students to sample into a key group. Opposite them, 18-year-old flautist Tory

happening in one afternoon inside five Lutyensesque houses deep in the wooded Surrey valleys west of Dorking. They form one of the most unusual sixth-form colieges in the land.

Hurtwood House is a private residential school, specialising in theatre studies but offering a choice of 20 other A-level subjects as well -- a spawning-ground, one would imagine, of potential candidates for grants from the lottery-generated "talent funds" announced this week by Virginia Bottomley, the

Heritage Secretary. When Richard Jackson founded the school 25 years ago, he had 17 overseas students who were willing to share his dream and had the cash to help him to begin to realise it. Now, 120 of the school's 250 students are studying in the performing arts department for an A-level in theatre studies.

Theatre and education are the same thing for me," Jackson says. "If you believe that education is about more than qualifications, that it is about teamwork, about extending

people — then this is drama.
"When I started Hurtwood, there were 630 public schools. I didn't want to create the 631st. I wanted to start a school that valued practical and performance-based subjects as much as academic ones - for people who were looking for something different."

way between Wells Cathedral School and drama school, is focusing on acting as his individual skill, and directing as his contribution to the group project of the theatre studies course. His first year at Hurtwood was based around a series of workshops - mask. mime, physical and musical theatre — given by visiting professionals and touring companies. "I came along expecting a lot from this place, and I certainly got it," he

The camouflaged Puck belongs to 17-year-old Catherine Hume. Although Robin Goodfellow, he who "frights the maidens of the villagery", certainly enchanted her after a performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream at the Barbican; and although she, too, had planned to take an acting option, she switched to costume studies and has designed an extraordinarily imagina-

flage for the back, bright jester's motley at the front. She hopes to read English at Oxford.

Although Hurtwood is not above boasting of the likes of Hans Zimmer (who wrote music for The Lion King and Driving Miss Daisy) and Amelia Curtis (Judge Dredd) as old boys and girls. Michael Friend, director of performing arts, is keen to emphasise that it is not an embryonic drama school.

"Out of the cast of our most recent show, Grease, only three or four will go to drama school," he says. "Ten or so, perhaps, will do creative arts courses.

"I am not here to produce performers. I am here to make people enjoy the performing arts. If they do that, they become motivated, recharged in everything that they learn. I want every student to believe wholeheartedly in what they are doing."

Jackson puts it this way: "For 150 years the public school system has thrived on rugby as the common pursuit. Theatre studies are our common pursuit. And that's about far more than winning." ● Hurtwood House, Holmbury St Mary, Dorking, Surrey RH5 6NU (01483 277416: fax 01483 267586)

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ever-expanding Utah Opera advantages, not least the beautiful, 100-yearold Capitol Theatre in Salt Lake City, lovingly restored to proper use after a period as a department store. To

walk from a typical downtown cityscape into this cream and gold riot of Edwardian Baroque, its chandeliers a-glitter, its 1,900-seat auditorium cosy and welcoming, is slightly unnerving — from America to Europe in one step. It is an invaluable facility.

The young company, founded in 1978 by the tenor Glade Peterson, is now run by the director Anne Ewers. It has grown prudently, currently presenting five performances each of three mainly bread-and-butter - Salome is the most modern piece staged in the Capitol, although Britten's church parables have been given in duly

ecclesiastical settings. This prudence, plus a top ticket price of \$45 going down to \$12, has won it a loyal audience. There is an 86 per cent subscription base, and for the past five years all performances have been sold out. So next season the company will expand its repertory to four operas. The laws of supply and demand come into it as

well as prudence. This year it has celebrated the centenary of Utah's statehood by making one of the three operas its first commissioned world premiere, David Carlson's Dreamkeepers. Again, the prudence and practicality guiding the project are striking — no casting of bonnets over windmills here. any of the five perform-Dreamkeepers comes in at less than 90 minutes' music solit into two acts: there are only four principal characters, plus a large chorus.

t would be easy to purse your lips at Carlson's unashamedly neo-romantic musical language. but more profitable to note that he handles his chosen idiom with unobtrusive technical skill -- pace, dramatic shape, balance; all are persuasively handled and he writes for voice and large orchestra with total confidence. His last opera, The Midnight Angel (premiered in Saint Louis in 1993), was hampered by a trivial libretto; this is an

infinitely better work. The text by Aden Ross, poet and playwright of local

fame, shows signs of having

tah Opera starts been severely compressed, with a number of and all to the good — the music is firmly in command. Again, it would be easy to balk at some passages of "creative writing". at others nearer the world of Oscar Hammerstein II than that of Hofmannsthal, and to note that the whole constitutes a monument to political correctness.

The heroine is Ela, a Ute Native American returning from the city to her reservation. Her grandmother represents the old Ute order. memories of past persecu-tion still vivid (the programme contains turn-ofthe-century photographs of Ute children forced into European school uniforms as part of an "education" project and looking perfectly miserable).

A baritone government gent takes on assorted villain roles, rather after the manner of Death in Venice. The tenor hero, a doctor, has failed Ela in an earlier relationship, but returns to try again, and is involved in a car crash at the end of the first act. In the second act Ela

descends to the spirit world, at grandmother's behest, to rescue him, the gender roles of Orpheus and Eurydice neatly reversed. After much therapeutical coming to terms with the past, the opera ends with a multiracial chorus of affirmation that, by comparison, makes Bernstein's Make our garden grow sound like a dirge from the Slough of Despond. But it worked: the audience rose to a standing ovation, and even before Saturday's premiere there was not a seat to be had for

Ewers directed efficiently on Michael Downs's sunbaked set, and the authenticity of the Ute costumes was guaranteed by advisers from the tribe, who also attended the premiere in spectacular attire.

Juliana Gondek coped affectingly with the soprano role; Debria Brown, last heard here in the Kupfer Elektra in Cardiff, was the grandmother; Brian Montgomery made an eminently hissable villain, and Tonio di Paolo, a ringing tenor with brilliant diction, a memorable hero. Stirring choral singing and playing from the Utah Symphony under the emigré Scottish conductor Stewart Robertson set the seal on an incontrovertible success

ation of that quasimythological figure Sir Francis Drake. His tactics have been criticised, his sense of strategy impugned and his contribution to the defeat of the Armada belittled. Already before the Second World War the iconoclastic Herbert

Butterfield had assailed the received view of history which saw the events of 1588 as part of Protestant England's liber-tarian stand against authoritarian Catholicism. Even the impeccably patriotic H.A.L. Fisher had murmured sono voce that Drake was perhaps not quite the commander we took him for; that opportunistic buccaneering on the Spanish Main was no substitute for capturing a port like Cartagena and getting on with a systematic campaign.

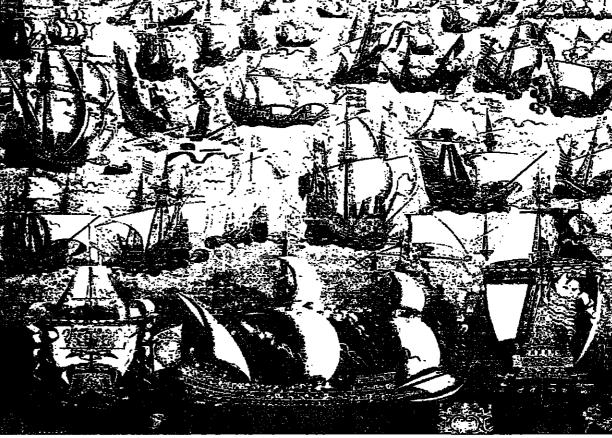
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reached its apogee on the occasion of the 400th anniversary of the defeat of the Armada. At that point the prime guardian of our nautical heritage, the National Maritime Museum, appeared to enter the fray as devil's advocate supreme. Its booklet about the Armada failed to mention Drake's name once. English preparations to face the enemy were described as "chaotic", in marked contrast to the "expert" tactics apparently being employed on the other side of the Channel by the Duke of Parma. And then the cat was let out of the bag: the Spanish Ambassador was discovered to be on the muse-

um's exhibition committee. Middle, not to speak of maritime, England had had enough. Howls of execration rose in response to the announcement of commemorative events that seemed designed to bury for ever the reputation of one of England's most famous sons. In the taverns of patriotic Plymouth and Deptford, the Tower was darkly spoken of as the only fit ce for the director of the National Maritime Museum.

nd when Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin dared to point out that Lord Howard of Effingham had commanded the English fleet, and that Drake was only a subordinate vice-admiral, it was tartly riposted in one newspaper that, five-star admiral he might be, but assuredly no eye would be moistening to the sound of Lewin's Drum, four centuries hence.

Eight years on, the dust of this fierce controversy has settled. And surely it cannot be stirred up again by the National Maritime Museum's exhibition Blood, Sea and Ice: Three English Explorers, which opens on Sunday — 400 years, to the day, after Drake's death. If Drake was not allowed to be at the centre of the quatercenteriary celebrations for 1588, he is firmly at the forefront here.



English ships and the Spanish Armada. August 1588, which is included in the National Maritime Museum show

Three navigators of widely different eras and character are yoked together by the exhibition. Drake remains the darling/ruffian of the seas. and the chancer par excellence. Captain James Cook was a meticulous navigator. who brought the scientific habits of the 18th century to everything he did, including care for his men's health.

Sir John Franklin was blooded at Trafalgar, went on to serve in Britain's first steam-propelled ships and developed the passion for the search for the North-West him to a frozen death. But these three were united in one thing: that streak of ruthless obstinacy which was a necessary concomitant of (literally in their case) putting themselves on the map.

With Drake it is not necessary to gild the lily. He had begun his seafaring career in earnest in the slave trade between the Guinea coast and the West Indies with his cousin John Hawkins. The clashes with the Spaniards which made both famous were nothing to do with patriotic pride. They were born out of the desire to break a commer-

cial monopoly. Clearly Drake was a skilled ship handler and tactician. The Spaniards were prodigiously wary of him and his hauls of treasure from their galleons were immense. Queen Elizabeth's fragile treasury was only too glad to get its share. But when hit-andrun piracy was required to

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himself into an invader. In any event. Drake's remarkable circumnavigation of the world between 1577 and 1580 is his real monument. As

the beautifully executed maps in this exhibition show, it writes him into the annals of navigation in a manner that is proof against future wrangles as to his contribution to the victory over the Armada. The self-educated son of a

farm labourer, James Cook began his seafaring life in the unglamorous east-coast coal trade. By the time he enlisted in the Royal Navy, eight years later, he had learnt, at least, what makes a well-found ship. The Endeavour, in which he

made his round-the-world voyage between the years 1768 and 1771, may have been fitted out at Deptford, but she had begun life as a Whitby collier. Cook knew that the breed had unmatched robustness, as well as the capacity to carry the stores needed for long passages in the untenanted

southern oceans. The record of his later voyages is enriched by the works of the painter William Hodges, who sailed with him. Hodges captured the vibrancy

and colour of South Sea island life. One of the most memorable images of this section of the exhibition is Tahiti Revisite. (1776), an evocation of a seemingly paradisaical existence in the last moments before t succumbed to the onslaught of

a technical civilisation. The John Franklin exhibit take us from the heat and light of the South Pacific to Arcu. nights and 50 degrees of frost When, in May 1845, the Erebus and Terror sailed out to look for the North-West Pasage, with provisions for over three years and a library of

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2,900 books, they were reck oned to constitute the bestequipped expedition ever to leave England's scores. They never returned.

After ten years and the expenditure of almost a million pounds the Government gave up trying to find out what had happened. Lady Franklin persisted, and in 1850 an expedition financed by her finally found a note containing two messages. The first, dated May 28, 1847, announced "All well. The second, written almost a year later, recorded the death of Franklin and the abandonment of the two ships in the pack ice. It was to be the expedition's last testament to the outside world. In all, 129 men had perished.

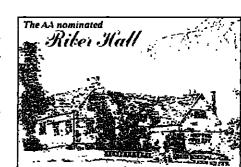
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Hope and hesitancy in the North

Christopher Warman weighs up the prospects of a market revival

factor in the recovery of the property market, remains at a cautious level in the North of England, to judge by surveys published this month by Jones Lang Wootton.

Business confidence in the North West is slightly higher than in both the neighbouring West Midlands or the Yorkshire and Humberside regions (although Leeds is an exception), with 57 per cent of the respondents expressing more confidence about their business prospects for the coming year, while only o per cent were less confident.

There was a marginal decline of 0.6 per cent in office employment in the past year. but both the manufacturing and retail and distribution sectors have increased by nearly 3 per cent. Over the coming year, employment prospects remain reasonable with a growth of I per cent anticipated overall.

Office demand in the North West has gone down, as disposals of space exceeded take-up, and the negative balance has been concentrated in two sectors: public services and industry and marketing.

public service organisations is uncertain, the finance and business services sector shows increasing demand, generated by an expansion of banking and insurance activities outside the metropolitan area. The outlook for the next two years is for a small increase in demand in all but the Greater Manchester market, which will suffer from considerable vacation by the local government, engineering and tele-communications sectors.

For the industry and warehousing sector. Jones Lang Wootton says that the overall trends suggest a positive demand during the next two years, expected to be led by the industral sector within the Greater Manchester area but outside the city itself. Commenting on the find-

ings of the review, Andrew Shaw, parmer in charge of Jones Lang Wootton's Manchester office, takes encouragement from the positive outlook being displayed in Greater Manchester. "However, it is very important that this optimism is used as a magnet for inward investment for the North West," he says.

In the Leeds/Yorkshire and

more than half (5) per cent) of

Restored: Civic Court in Leeds, now office space. Richard Ellis and Grenville Smith & Duncan are asking £16.50 a so ft the respondents expressed more confidence for the coming 12 months, but this compares with 65 per cent last year. The number of respondents less optimistic has dou-

bled to 6 per cent. All sectors

have shown a deterioration in

business confidence, but fi-

nance and business services continue to show the greatest confidence, with 57 per cent more optimistic.

After an increase in office employment in 1994, there was a slight decline (0.7 per cent) last year. With the exception of finance and business services, which saw an increase of 2.4 per cent, all sectors saw a fall m office employment levels.

As with the North West, the likely reduction of staff in the public services sector has led to a prediction of a small decline in overall office employment in the coming year. The continuing trend for government departments and local authorities to downsize and outsource functions is expected to contribute to a further 3.3 per cent decline in the public services sector. By contrast, finance and business services predict a 1 per cent improvement

The level of demand for offices improved slightly during the last 12 months, though there remains a negative demand balance. The strength of the legal sector in Leeds ensured that the central area of the city maintained a small but positive balance of net demand, while an increase in vacation rates among other business services and transport and telecommunications companies had an adverse impact on the level of demand in the city as a whole.

Net demand for office space is expected to record a positive balance over the next two years, led by the finance and service sectors.

Alistair Russell, partner in Jones Lang

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"The general trends reflect the economic mood of the country and the realisation that the road to recovery is likely to be slow, with gradual improve-

"While confidence levels are down on last year and demand is patchy, we can be cautiously optimistic about the property markets in Yorkshire and Humberside, particularly in Leeds city centre, where demand would appear to outstrip the supply of good quality office accommodation, providing opportunities for rental growth."

Across the country as a whole, the property market has taken some comfort from last week's reduction of 0.25 per cent in the Bank of England base rate. Stephen Newbold, associate partner with Knight Frank, which has published its latest UK Economic and Property Investment Commentary, says that sustained growth in the economy, albeit at a reduced level plus falls in interest rates and unemployment levels, saw 1995 end on a positive note.

"Looking into 1996, several of the key indices driving tenant demand in the commer cial sector, such as financial and business services profitability, manufacturing output and consumer spending, have the potential to improve," he

Space project takes flight

MARKETING has begun for 50 Pail Mall; London, a 33,500 sq ft development by Arcona Properties and fund ed by AMP Asset Manage ment. The building, designed by Trehearne & Norman, has a spectacular atrium and airconditioned space behind the Edwardian Portland stone facade, and is being offered at E39 a sq ft through DTZ Debenham Thorpe and Con-

way Relf. Arcona has also acquired the freehold of 44-47 Pall Mall from Prodential Portfolio Managers for £18.775 million. and is redeveloping the building to provide a new office building of 60,000 a sq ft. which will have an invest-ment value of £50 million.

☐ RICHARDSON Developments has let Point North, a six-storey headquarters build-ing at its Waterfront complex at Dudley in the Black Courtry, to the Prudential in a deal that will eventually create more than 700 new jobs. The Pru is paying an annual rent of £1.05 million to take initially 70.600 sq ft and later the entire 100,000 sq ft of the building for a new telephone banking operation.

LLOYD investment Managers are offering the freehold of 25 Christopher Street in the City of London up for sale at around £3 million. The 61,500 sq ft architect-designed redevelopment, between Broadgate and Finsbury Square, has the benefit of an improved planning permission. Healey & Baker and Matthews & Goodman are joint agents.

THE Crown Estate has exchanged agreements with Peel Developments (North) Limited to forward-fund the Altrincham Retail Park for more than £30 million. The development, which has unrestricted planning permission. will be the largest retail park in the Manchester conurbation, comprising around 182.500 sq ft on a 16-acre site. The investment has been fully pre-let, led by Sainsbury's



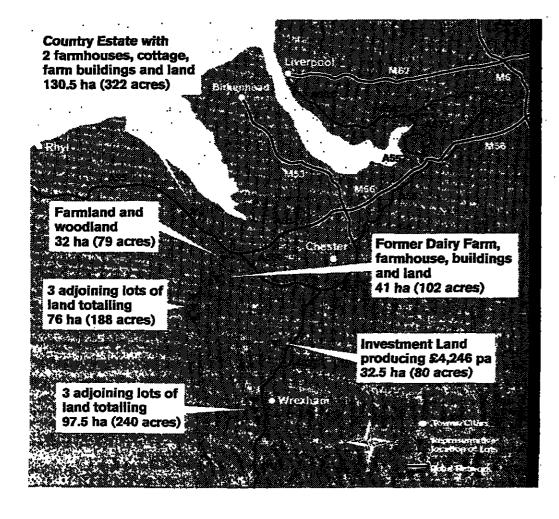
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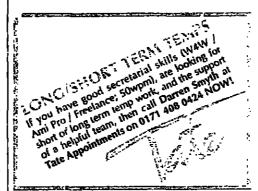
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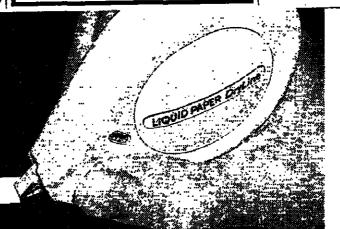
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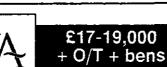
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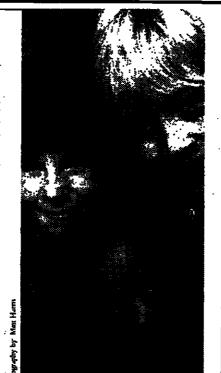
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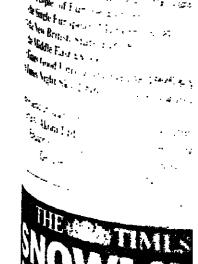
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Leading jockey out for at least a month after Leicester mêlée

Maguire may miss Cheltenham

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR

ADRIAN MAGUIRE faces between a month and six weeks on the sidelines after an horrific four horse pile-up in the opening race at Leicester yesterday which left the top jockey with a bad injury to his left knee. The latest setback could

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mean the talented Irishman will miss the Cheltenham Festival for the second successive year - but as he returned home last night Maguire was thankful his injuries were not far worse.

After being unseated from

Boss's Bank at the third flight of the Croxton Park Novices' Hurdle, Maguire was kicked on the head as three other horses fell in the mêlée. The force of the blow split his riding helmet. Maguire's misery was compounded by the fact that the promising Boss's Bank had to be put down.

"I was lucky in a way and it is just as well I was wearing one of the new, protective helmets otherwise it could have been far, far worse," Maguire said as he was driven home from Leicester Royal Infirmary by weighing room colleague Mick Fitzgerald.

"I feel pretty sore. I have injured the ligaments inside the left knee and pulled a piece of bone off as well. The doctors say I will be off for a month to six weeks," he said.

Describing the incident which resulted in him being stretchered off the course, Maguire added: "I thought we had jumped the third flight quite well but he landed a bit steep and knuckled under me. I think I might have got my ankle caught in the irons."

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Going: good to firm, good in places

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A broken wrist last April brought the 1994-95 season to an abrupt end for Maguire, while a cracked fibia suffered at Ascot in November effectively ended his chances of winning this season's lockeys' championship. The death of his mother resulted in him missing the Cheltenham Festival last year but he is determined to be there this March. "I will be working hard to get back before then," he vowed

last night. See More Business, the top novice hurdler in Britain and a leading fancy for the Sun Alliance Hurdle at the Chel-

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: UBU VAL (1.50 Folkestone) Next best: Early Drinker (3.20 Folkestone)

tenham Festival, will not race again this season because of a

leg injury.
The Paul Nicholls-trained six-year-old had worked well last Friday but heat was discovered in his off-fore over the weekend. He would have needed between a month and six weeks off, according to veterinary advice, thereby precluding a crack at Chelten-

Paul Barber and John Keighley, owners of See More Business, decided it would be in the horse's best interests if he was roughed off for the rest of this season before returning to action next autumn for a novice chasing campaign. Nicholls said yesterday: "It

3.10 (3m hdie) 1. Yes Man (J F Titley, 11-8 fav); 2. Henry Cone (9-4); 3. Britanna Mile (20-1); 5 ran 1 U.); 21 Mess H Knight, Tote. 52.00; 51.10, 52.20 OF 64.70. CSF-54.87.

HESILTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

is a major blow missing Cheltenham but at least he will be back next season. Paul [Barber] said to me last night this is a character-building business and I know what he means. The plan had been to go for the Premiere Auction Novices' Hurdle at Wincanton and then the Sun Alliance at Cheltenham."

See More Business, winner of both completed starts in point-to-points last season. was unbeaten in three starts over hurdles this term and went into many notebooks as Festival material when beating Father Sky by 15 lengths in his most recent success at Sandown last month.

Potential Cheltenham runners will be thin on the ground at Folkestone or Sedgefield this afternoon but one horse worth following closely is Ubu Val, top weight in the Westenhanger Novices' Chase at Folkestone. After winning a couple of point-to-points last year, the ten-year-old was nicely backed when making a successful debut under Rules at Windsor in November. The form of that fast-run race has worked out well.

Stepped up noticeably in class at Wetherby 13 days ago, he was far from disgraced against some of the best staying novice chasers. Despite being a shade hesitant at his fences early on, William Bethell's runner stayed on well to finish third to Mr Mulligan and Call It A Day. Dropped back in class today, he should have too much speed for the likes of The Booley House and Ocean Leader.

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Dio. 250 (2m) 1. Nothinas (N Carisle, 5-1), 2. Colondos (11-4), 3. Sentilest (15-8 tav) 8 ran. 1 %1, 101 R O'Sulfivan, Tote 57 40 Ch.80, 51 10, 51 10 DF 64 60 CSF-518 72. Tricast 531 73 3.20 (6f) 1, Miss Carottene (M. Baird, 10-1), 2, Sunsei Harbour (4-1), 3, Mystery

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Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1.50 OCEAN LEADER (nap).

Going: Good (Chase Course); Good to Soft (Hurdles)

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103	24	HARDING 60 (S Tindall) S Melior 5-11-4	į
104		(TS A GEM (F Tymycule-Curates) J Gifford 7-11-4	
105	4	LIBERTARIAN 48 (J Dougall) O Sherwood 6-11-4 M Flichards	
106	50P	MASKED MARTIN 9 (8) (E Wey) P Rodon 5-11-4 S Borrough	
107	5-6446	MEAD COURT 13 (M Worcester) N Chance 6-11-4 R Johnson (3)	Į
108	FD-2	MEROSWARD 11F (Mr. A Nauchlon) R Alebura 6-11-4 S Ryan (7)	1
109	030-650	NAHRAWALI 18F (C Sparrowhaut) A Moore 5-11-4 B Powell	
110	-	MORTHERN KINGDOM 219F (P Deal) K Barley 7-11-4 A Tropmon	
111		THE LITTLE PERRES 13F (h. Hosson) A Magne 6-11-4 A P McCoy	
112		LADY NESS (Asociatives Recorg) J Tuck 5-10-13	
113	002/0	SURGICAL SPIRIT 43 () Homewood 6-10-13 F Cooper	
114		TONYS GIFT 15 (S) (Blue Chia Group) M Page 4-10-8	
115		ALL OVER RED ROVER 55 (G Robert) A Carroll 4-10-6 W Marston	
116	00	DANCE KING 39 (T Connors) R Haris 4-10-6	
117	66	NONEMENT 6 (As Al Hospit J King 4-10-6	
118	0	MORE BILLS 1 F (A Moore) A Moore 4-10-6	
119	43	THE CLIADS 21 (J Duddy) J Ffatch Heyes 4-10-6	ļ
120		TOPANGA 211F (J McGuigan) J Bennett 4-10-6 L Harvey	
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12		DALICADA 19 (CD,BF,S) (E4 Races): A Cartol 6 (0-5 W Marston	90
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15		CELTIC LILLEY 7, 15, 1424; J Tayton, K Houd 6-10-0 B Fermon (5)	
16		COAL NOT DOLE 15 (B) 1/31 C Usson) J Upson 8 10-0 R Johnson (3)	
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back from Charlie Brooks.

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Hodges returns as Gould rings the changes for Wales

GLYN HODGES, the Sheffield United midfield player. resurrects his international career in the steel-making city of Terni, 50 miles north of Rome, this evening. When Wales take on Italy, finalists for the European championship, it will be his first start since the 1-1 draw with Austria in Vienna in April

For Hodges, 32, it is a surprise opportunity to revive his chances of playing a key role in the qualifying cam-paign for the 1998 World Cup: for Bobby Gould, the Wales manager, it is another example of his continuing assessment of anybody and everybody as he treads carefully in still alien waters. He succeeded Mike Smith in August and it is only his fourth match in charge.

"I would like to get some continuity, of course I would, but we will be missing Mark Pembridge in midfield and Gould said. "We need balance on that left-hand side and he will give us that. He is also tremendous at set-piece situations, which is vitally important in any game."

Gould makes eight changes from the side which drew 1-1 against Albania in their final European championship qualifying match in November. Injuries and unavailabili-



Newcastle close to signing Asprilla

Colombia striker, could join Newcastle United before the weekend. Asprilla met Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle manager, late yesterday to discuss a proposed £6.7 million move to Tyneside, which would be a club record for the FA Carling Premiership leaders, and, although nothing has been

The talks between the player and the Newcastle party - comprising Keegan, his assistant, Terry McDermott, a club director. Douglas Hall, the son of the club chairman, Sir John Hall, and the Newcastle vice-chairman, Freddie Shepherd — took place at a secret location between Parma and Rome and followed a successful meeting between Keegan and his colleagues and the Parma general director, Gianbatista Pastorello.

ble for all transfer activity carried out by the Serie A club, said that the negotiations had gone well: "Between the two clubs, we have more or less agreed the fee that should be paid for Asprilla. The player himself wants to go to Newcastle, but at this stage nothing has been signed."

Asprilla has become surplus to requirements at Parma this season, with Alessandro Melli and Gianfranco Zola the preferred partnership of Nevio Scala, the club's coach, in attack. Even Hristo Stoichkov, the former European Footballer of the Year, has been reduced to the role of

Frontzek. Michael Germany international left back, completed his transfer to Manchester City from Borussia Mönchengladbach for £350,000 yesterday.

ty have forced a revamped line-up, although it appears stronger than the one he fielded in Tirana, lan Rush and Mark Hughes return in an ageing yet still potent attack, with Rush winning his 73rd cap.

Such an experimental and untried formation is not necessarily the best system to employ against Italy. Arrigo Sacchi, the manager, might frequently chop and change his side, too, but he has earned his reputed salary of \$4.8 million (around £3.2 million) over his four-year stint in charge, with only six defeats in

At least Wales will not have to face the likes of the multitalented Baggios -- Dino and Roberto — Signori, Vialli and Maldini tonight. Injury has ruled out four of them, but Vialli's absence is because of his persistent feud with Sacchi, which has festered for more than two

Had Gould's difference of opinion with Hughes gone on much longer — the Chelsea striker was left out against Albania and, subsequently, because of a misunderstanding, he declined to travel -Gould could have found himself in a similar situation to

In the end, it was the manager who ate humble pie. "I told Mark I'd made a mistake and he told me it wasn't a problem any more," Gould said. "You've got to hold your hands up sometimes and admit you are wrong, and I did."

A sensible conclusion to a potentially awkward predicament that, appropriately, will be cemented this evening in Terni - the birthplace of St Valleti III (H. WALES: N Southall (Everlon), S Jenkins (Hudderskeid Town), A Williams (Heading), D Phillips (Nottingham Forest), K Symons (Manchester Cay), C Coleman (Blackburn Rovers), B Home (Everlon), G Specific (Leads Unred), G Hodges (Sheffield Unded), M Hughes (Chelsea), I Rush (Lhernool).

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Krol's fast route to united front

Rob Hughes on a

Dutchman with all the qualities

needed to succeed Terry Venables

R und Krol is a coach of many colours, a foot-ball man who has been fulfilled as a player in every competition, and who now is bungry. He took charge of Egypt last October, and now this man, whose 83

caps at left back for Holland

included two World Cup finals and who gained his

coaching certificate in Eng-

land, meets his severest test. Egypt must win today against South Africa, in front of 80,000 Sowetans, in the heat of the African afternoon if they are to progress beyond the first round of the African Nations Cup. Their main problem is that, as dictated by their Muslim religion, the Egyptians have to fast during Ramadan, to eat nothing through the seemingly interminable daylight hours under the African sun. And, "to better understand how my players feel". Krol has joined

their fast from last Sunday. "I'm trying to change their mentality, their way of play-ing," he told me. "Recently we watched together, on television, Newcastle United versus Blackburn Rovers. My players loved the fast tempo, they were crazy about it. But when I show them the work that they must do to achieve that, they do not want to suffer, they are not prepared to die in the field for the result, the way English play-

But Krol, though his contract says he has until 1998 to mould an Egyptian World Cup challenge, knows that defeat against a South African side unbeaten for 15 games and for a calendar year could see him dismissed. Two national coaches, of Mozambique and Burkina Faso, have already been dismissed because, in any language, any ideology, the result means more than the performance.

bar at midnight, gives every impression of being happy. "I love football, it is my life, and I would work with players anywhere in the world. I was ouzzled, a week ago, wondering why the Arabic teams in this tournament — Egypt, Tunisia and Algeria — didn't appear to be as strong, physi-

And yet Krol, at least at the



Krol is bringing his experience to Egyptian football after gaining his coaching qualification in England

cally, as the central and southern Africans. I don't think it is only a matter of diet. The teams from North Africa seem reluctant to play adventurously, and I love creative players."

He found that Egypt, like other Arabic teams, clung to five players at the back, and to a system that relies on their unquestioned technique, even though, in recent African nations tournaments, they have been often out-muscled and overcome by the spirit of countries like Ghana, the absent Nigeria and even Zambia, who are performing well in the competition, just three years after losing 18 players in a plane crash.

There are other obvious advantages for South Africa. Johannesburg lies 1.800 metres above sea level, the South Africa team has the advantage over Egypt of two extra rest days, and obviously home support. But is it a of altitude or

Krol has no doubts. To try to build character into his men — mostly young players that he moulded into a team aiming for Olympic qualification — he alarms them, literally. They train three times a day — at 7.30am, 11.30am and 6pm. "At Ajax we sometimes trained five times a day with. Rinus Michels. He did it to create a bond, to instil character ... I'm trying now to change the way of Egyptian football. They don't like it, possibly they don't like me, and they are straight back to bed after the early morning

And yet, in training, you can see the Egyptians begin to respect their mentor.

player from the giant Cairo club Zamalek, wears number 14. One wonders if Krol has told the youngster that that was the shirt worn in Dutch orange by the master of them all, Johan Cruyff.

Maybe not, but they have done a lot of talking in Johannesburg. Emam is a hypnotic play-maker; his feet are quick, he controls the ball at a touch, he has the confidence to take men on and a vision to open up the play. A performer, observes Krol, like Steve McManaman.

"I have told Hazem that I love his tremendous dribbling, his vision also. But it is six months since I trained him with the Olympic squad, and in that time, back with his club, he has changed. I want him to be my joker in the team, but to do that he must be not only creative but effective," Krol said. Today, in the Soccer City stadium.

'I love football, it is my life and I would coach anywhere in the world'

Emam will have an extra onus because Neil Tovey, captam of South Africa, says the intention is "to send the Egyptians packing". South Africa need a point

to ensure that they play the quarter finals in the vast Joarmesburg arena. Win or lose, say the kindly Egyptian federation directors, Krol is their man. He has the charisma to charm players, the past experience to put medals on the table at the hint of an argument, although no doubt Mozambique told their coach, Rui Cacader, and Burkino Faso told theirs, Idrissa Traore, that they were the chosen men also. They

dismissed them after two

results in South Africa. Should that fate befall Krol. surely England should make an approach. He admits his FA coaching badge was a matter of convenience, that he could acquire a certificate at whereas it took four years to become a certified coach in Holland. Even though the FA has indicated foreigners need not apply for the job vacated by Terry Venables in July. they could at least speak to the man who qualified on

Cairns hits nine sixes to rattle **Zimbabwe**

CHRIS CAIRNS hit one of the most spectacular centuries in Test match history yesterday as New Zealand produced an imposing total of 441 for five declared, setting Zimbabwe 367 to win the second Test.

Cairns hit nine sixes and ten fours on his way to 120 off 96 balls on the fourth day of the deciding Test in Auckland. His feat ranked second only to the great Walter Hammond's for the most sixes — ten — in a Test innings. Cairns's first Test hundred came off just 86

Zimbabwe, 39 without loss at the close, need a further 328 runs off a minimum 90 overs gaims

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Paul Hutchison took five for 11 as Zimbabwe were bowled out for 47 in the under-19 match against England in Harare. At the close of the first day, England were 120 for

Higgins trails

Snooker: Alex Higgins, successful in only one of his Il matches this season, faced elimination from the Embassy world championship in Blackpool last night. After the opening session of his best-of-19 frames meeting with Surinder Gill, of Bournemouth, in the eighth qualifying round, Higgins, the world champion in both 1972 and 1982, trailed 6-3.

Defeat at the hands of Gill, a market trader who is 98th in the world rankings, would end by far the worst season of Higgins's 25-year career.

☐ David Gray, 16, the youngest English amateur champion, has joined the Team Sweater Shop professional

Big chance

Bowls: Mike Morgan, who describes himself as a parttime bowler, could earn the chance to compete against too players such as Andy Thomson, the world indoor singles champion, and Richard Corsie, the Commonwealth Games gold medal-winner, when the CIS Insurance Championships get underway at Llanelli today. If Morgan, who is not even a regular member of the

Llanelli league side, can win the Welsh title in front of his home crowd, he will join the stars in tomorrow's worldclass Welsh Masters event.

In today's national semifinals, Morgan meets Carl Lewis, of Merthyr, while Brenig Powell, of Port Talbot, will try to stop John Price, the 1990 world champion.

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Rugby league puts power of television to good use

By Christopher Irvine

RUGBY league, which prides itself on its innovatory outlook, is to follow cricket in having a television official. The so-called video referee will adjudicate on hairline scoring decisions behind the tryline.

The off-field official will do away with the two in-goal judges, introduced last year, although the system will, initially, be used only in tele-vised Super League matches from March. Decisions via a two-way communication with the referee will take between 30 and 45 seconds. Spotting foul play is believed to be adequately dealt with by the new "on report" system, in which video evidence is studied later. "This is purely a way of improving

the ability to pinpoint the bounced ball over the line, or the dubiouslooking try at the corner flag," Greg McCallum, the Rugby Football League (RFL) referees' director, said. "All our referees are fully supportive of this technological advancement." It was one of a series of measures in keeping with the theme of "modern thinking that was announced yesterday by Maurice Lindsay, the RFL chief executive. He has his sword poised over Highfield, Chorley and Doncaster for not coming up to scratch on the pitch, but other clubs must come up to scratch by meeting minimum standards off it. For those not complying with strict guidelines on ground facilities, finance and administration, the ultimate sanction is expulsion from the Super League.

The excitement of the game will always attract people to manage rugby league, but, when they get there, they have to think of it as a business, otherwise they won't survive," Lindsay said.

Just as Highfield, Chorley and Doncaster will be called to account for their playing inadequacies by the

Rugby League Council on February Lindsay wants firm guarantees from potential newcomers. Blackpool's application for re-admission to the second division was rejected, while those from Northampton and Aberavon must be backed by assurances on playing and financial

In the shifting sands of the new summer game, the Challenge Cup has proved itself the one immovable object. The springtime Wembley final is to remain. There seems to be no room for the Regal Trophy, even though discussions with the BBC are

In addition, the overseas player quota has been raised from three to five; Phil Larder, of Keighley, has been confirmed as Great Britain's coach for the October tour of Australasia, with Gary Hetherington, of Sheffield, and Clive Griffiths, the Wales coach, his assistants; and a combined Oceania side will tour here at the same time to play England A. ireland, Wales, Huddersfield, Huli and Salford.

☐ St Helens have confirmed the appointment of Shaun McRae, the Canberra assistant coach, who will be in charge for the Challenge Cup visit to Castleford on Saturday.

more than 12 months.

Last month. Hill was

banned for three months and

tria, clinched his second World Cup win when he triumphed in a super-giant slalom in the French resort of Valloire yesterday. Knauss, 24, whose first win came in a giant slaiom last month, took advantage of perfect conditions to upstage Atle Skaardal. of Norway, and Fredrik Nyberg, of Sweden.

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Federation bans Hill for two years verbal abuse and dissent sport's governing bodies for fore carried into the next level

BY COLIN MCQUILLAN

ANTHONY HILL the Australian third string whose aggressive and undisciplined conduct cost his country a place in the final of the world team squash championship in Cairo last November, has been banned for two years from World Squash Federation (WSF) events.

Hill, 26, from Melbourne, was charged with verbal and physical abuse against Mir Zaman Gul, his opponent, ee, throwing his racket and bringing the game into disrepute. He entered no defence. The WSF disciplinary committee ruled that Hill had "seriously violated" four sections of the WSF code of conduct in Cairo and should not be allowed to play in the World Cup, the world team

against Tony Parker, the refer-

championship or any other WSF event before 1998. No squash player has previously been banned by any of the

fined £1,400 by the Professional Squash Association (PSA) for dissent and bad behaviour during the World Open championship that preceded the team event. He faces a further PSA penalty, of 12 months' suspension and a fine of £2,000, if reports of dissent and referee abuse in the Oatar International in December are substantiated and he is there-

of the PSA accumulator penalty system. His case could provide the impetus for a combined approach to disci-pline in world squash. Hill, who developed in the

Australian Institute of Squash in Brisbane, first brushed with authority when he was in-volved in a head-butting incident while playing Gul in the 1994 British Open championship in London

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Crystal Palace play for higher stakes FAR more will be at stake for and the Budweiser League's

Crystal Palace tonight than mere progress in basketball's National Cup (Nicholas Harling writes). The last first division survivors in the competition realise that the Budweiser League will find it harder than ever to reject their promotion claims for a fourth successive year should they defeat the Leopards, or even give a good account of themseives, in the quarter-final at the National Sports Centre.

After 44 successive wins against first division opposi-tion. Alton Byrd, the Palace player-coach, knows that his squad, unbeaten in domestic compenitions this season, are ready to step up a class - but the Leopards are among those clubs who have persuaded the League not to accept Palace. So. too, have London Towers

bottom club, Hemel Hempstead Royals - who receive Birmingham Bullets in tonight's other quarter-final because they fear that the Home Counties cannot accommodate another club at the highest level. "We are getting tired of being treated as outcasts."

Byrd said. Conquerors of Doncaster Panthers, from the Budweiser League, in the last round. Palace are only too aware that the tie against the Leopards has come at an opportune moment, since Billy Mims's players have slipped up badly in their last two games, losing by 22 points at Birmingham last week and by 14 to Sheffield Sharks on Sunday. "If ever there was a time to create another sensation, this is it." Byrd said.

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Cejka has style to follow in Langer's footsteps

ON A wintry day 15 years ago, Bernhard Langer opened the door of his parents' house in Germany and, with a slow, shy smile, beckoned his visitors to come inside. Above the kitchen door was a maxim: Friede den Kommenden, Freude den Bleibenden, Segen den Scheidenden, which, colloquially. means peace, joy and blessings to inhabitants and visitors. Inside, a rectangular table was laden with Krapfen (doughnut-like cakes) and Apfelkuchen and Schlagsahne (apple slices and whipped cream).

Later, Langer showed his visitors around the St Adelgundis Roman Catholic church in Anhausen, where he had been an altar boy and celebrated Mass when he was at home. He took them to meet Heinz Fehring, the head professional at the Munich Golf Club, where Langer began his career. It was the start of a memorable year for

Langer, one which culminated in him making his debut in the Ryder

Fifteen years later, another man who lives in Germany is poised for a memorable year, one that may match Langer's in 1981. The way that Alexander Cejka, 25, broke through in Europe in 1995 suggests that his should be the first name to be written down of those who are expected to make their first appear-ances in the 1997 Ryder Cup at Valderrama. Two victories in lesser events made the world take note of both his name and the extravagant length of his hair, which was sometimes restrained by a pony-tail. His stunning capture of the Volvo Masters at the end of the year, by which time he had adopted a crewcut hairstyle, marked the Czechborn resident of Munich as the most exciting golfer to emerge from Germany since Langer.

Who will follow in the footsteps of Bernhard Langer, Severiano Ballesteros and Nick Faldo, and lead European golf into a new era? In the second of his three articles on the eve of the 1996 Tour, John Hopkins looks for the emerging talent

Cejka's performance at Valderrama was outstanding, particularly for a young player. He kept his nerve, he was not intimidated and. when he had a chance to win, he took it. Colin Montgomerie and Sam Torrance, at that moment first and second in the Volvo Order of Merit, were keeping an eye on each other and almost everybody else was watching these two. That was perfect for Cejka. All but unnoticed. he raced past them with a closing nine holes of 32, including five

The list of potential newcomers in the next Ryder Cup is not a long one and the names may not sound very

convincing when set alongside more experienced players. In part, this is because of what can be called "The Opposition Theory". Just as politi-cians rarely make their true mark when not in government, so most golfers have to wait until their debut in the Ryder Cup before they can demonstrate the full measure of their courage and skill. Of course there are exceptions to the rule, men like Severiano Ballesteros, who was recognisably close to genius long before he was able to compete in his

first Ryder Cup in 1979.

If Cejka tops the list of contenders for the team in 20 months' time. other candidates include Darren

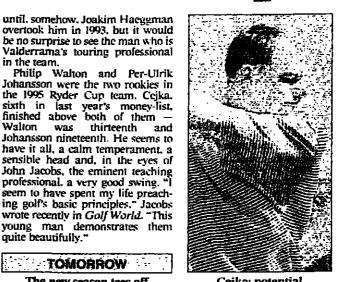
Anders Forsbrand, Jarmo Sandelin (the rookie of the year in 1995) and Jesper Parnevik, who finished seventeenth on the European moneylist and 84th in the United States last year. Gordon Sherry, the Amateur champion, who is expected to turn professional after this year's Masters at Augusta, might be a long shot, as might Stephen Gallacher. who was in last year's Walker Cup team, and Steven Webster, the winner of the amateur medal at the Open Championship, who was not.

Clarke finished eighth in the Order of Merit in 1993 and four-teenth last year. It is questionable which is bigger, his appetite or his potential. It is also worth questioning whether, in curbing the former, he has not lost some of the latter. Time is running out for Forsbrand, who was the favourite to be the first Swede to appear in the Ryder Cup

be no surprise to see the man who is Valderrama's touring professional in the team.

the 1995 Ryder Cup team. Cejka. sixth in last year's money-list, finished above both of them -Walton was thirteenth and Johansson nineteenth. He seems to have it all, a calm temperament, a sensible head and, in the eyes of John Jacobs, the eminent teaching professional, a very good swing. "I seem to have spent my life preaching golf's basic principles." Jacobs wrote recently in Golf World. "This young man demonstrates them quite beautifully."

TOMORROW The new season tees off



Foster aims to deliver technical knockout

weighs 200lb and travels at 13mph from a standing jump that lifts him 33 inches off the ground before gravity gains the upper hand. He puts this motion to best use not on the basketball court, but off the blocks in a swimming pool.

If his assets are a prodigious physique and a natural explosive power that make his dive so devastating and create a momentum good enough to break world records up to 50 metres, the smallest race distance, his weaknesses are a flawed freestyle technique and the resulting exhaustion that takes hold 15 metres from the end of a 50-metre race. In a 25-metre short-course

pool. Foster finds these deficiencies less inhibiting; the turning process helps to ease fatigue and the wall itself allows an infusion of leg-driven impetus to a discipline in which 90 per cent of the power is generated by the arms. He holds the world record for the 50 metres butterfly, a non-Olympic event, and is third fastest in the world in the 50 metres freestyle. He is also the shortcourse World Cup sprint champion, a title he started to defend in Sheffield yesterday. in the first of six European

rounds of the competition. In a 50-metre Olympic pool, the halfway "comfort zone" does not exist; Foster's flaws are laid bare. At least, that is, until now. For Foster, 91b leaner, at 1941b, has emerged from winter workouts in Cardiff with his coach. Dave Haller, with an altered tech-



Craig Lord unravels complex methods that separate the

good swimmers from the great

After the European championships in Vienna last summer, when Foster, visibly tense, finished fourth to Alexander Popov, a Russian who is among the smoothest stylists in the history of the sport, Haller decided that Foster must change the bad habits of a lifetime. To identify them, he engaged the services of Rein Haljand, an Estonian scientist, and travelled to the Olympic testing centre at Hamburg

Ding Chujin, 20, of China, not among the best 100 in the world last year in the 50 metres breaststroke, won in 27.88sec in Sheffield yesterday fast enough to have been sixth in the world last year.

to have his charge's stroke analysed.

Slow-motion film taken while Foster was swimming "on the spot" in the aquatic equivalent of a treadmill proved enlightening to the technicians. They deduced that his head was too high and that he brought his left hand into the water at a wide angle. digging it so deep into the water to compensate for the position of his head that his shoulder sank with it.

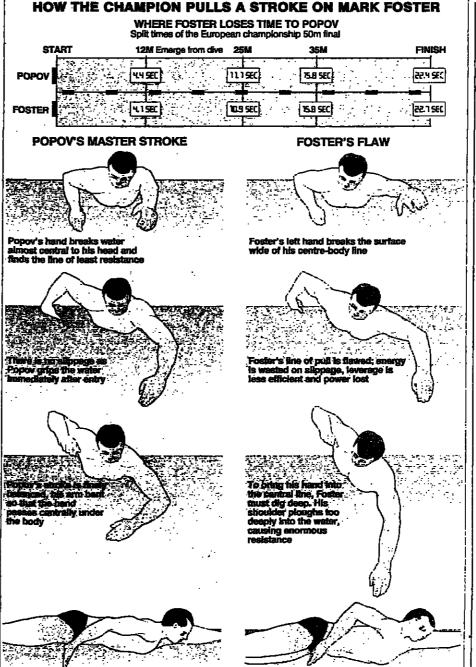
The result: too much resistance to the water and tension in his neck and shoulder muscles that left him drained

of energy at the conclusion of the race. His shoulder-roll was also affecting his backward push; while Popov, the Olympic champion, was travelling 2.45 metres per arm-stroke. his British rival was covering up to 27 centimetres less.

The statistic also owes a

little to Popov's more fluid kick. Power tests in the gym mirrored the Vienna race (see graphic): Foster achieves peak power at 5.3 seconds, while fatigue begins at 12 seconds. In the actual race, Foster emerged from the dive at 4.1 seconds, 0.5 metres ahead. was still ahead at 25 metres, caught by 35 metres and passed in the closing 15 metres. He hopes his new-found fitness and stroke can break that mould by the time he gets to Atlanta in July.

Yesterday, Foster, 25, was using Sheffield as a barometer to see if he can achieve, in a few short months, the mastery of water it has taken Popov years to perfect. Third place in the 100 metres in a reasonable 50.04sec was less important than the manner of its execution; the head was lower, the shoulders more relaxed and there was no sign of localised fatigue. Foster races the more telling 50 metres today and will doubtless be much faster at the World Cup final next month. Meanwhile, one giant step on the road to Atlanta seems to have been taken.



School to master golden silence

By David Powell, athletics correspondent

THE long silence was unbearable, like the eternal wait for the gum as athletes hold the set position. Worse, in fact. For Marlon Devonish, the European junior 200 metres champion, it was "twice as bad" as the wait to get going in the

European final. In 15 seconds that captured part of the essence of the latest innovation in British athletics, Devonish fought with his nerves before coming up with an answer to a question directed at him at his first press conference. There may be a master at school to teach the first steps in track and field. and a coach at the local club to develop the young athlete into a champion, but, when the moment comes to deal with the media, British athletes are rarely prepared.

Carl Lewis and Leroy Burrell studied communications, Michael Johnson marketing — all in the United States -- but, although excep-tions such as Jonathan Edwards and Paula Radcliffe have taken to it naturally. Great Britain's athletes are generally way behind Americans in expressing themselves. lacking any formal training. British Athletic Federation

(BAF) courses might have been the answer, but Mark Richardson, the European Cup 400 metres champion, is tired of waiting. The Mark Richardson

School of Sprinting was launched yesterday, backed by enough money from Nike to allow it a three-year plan. It is not a school in the bricks. For 15 seconds vesterday, he and mortar sense, rather one

By RAYMOND KEENE

CHESS CORRESPONDENT

that meets on the field every so often. "Scholarships" will be awarded to leading juniors. who, among other things, will be instructed in handling "the pressure of the media".

Another benefit will be help in the transition from junior to senior ranks. Many juniors fail to adapt, the best recent example being Darren Camp-bell. "I am used to winning and I find losing hard to accept." Campbell said in his first senior year, having been world No 2 junior sprinter the summer before.

The school will host events to promote athletics near its base in Eton. "Too many potential track and field stars are being lost to team sports, Richardson said. His school will use the new 55 million track facility at Eton College when it is completed, probably next year. Richardson admits that.

while his project will serve athletics, it will also "help to raise my profile and market me". The Nike support is an extension of Richardson's personal contract and Devonish. 19, was present yesterday as a newly-contracted athlete.

Richardson, 23, is among Britain's best hopes for an Olympic medal, but training does not fill the day, "I want to use my spare time in a proactive fashion and I feel it is vital that athletes of my calibre feed back into the community." he said.

Devonish said that, without his new backing, he may have disappeared from the sport. probably wished he had.

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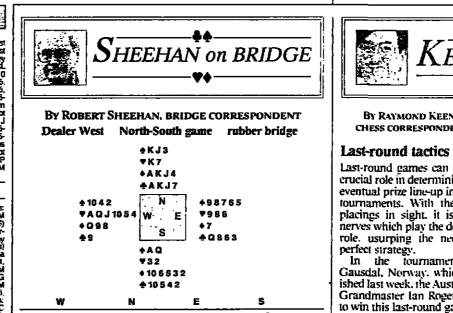
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Because Foster's stroke brings him further out of the water his follow-through is curtalled

Contract: Five Diamonds by South. Lead: ace of hearts West leads ace and another heart, and after winning the

loser and a possible club loser. How should he proceed? Who is more likely to have the queen of clubs? It is East. for this reason. West has shown up with at least six hearts (he opened Three Hearts) and three diamonds, so he has at most four black cards. By the same reasoning. East has at least nine black cards, which makes any specific black card a 9/4 favourite

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

FYRD

CADRE

a. A corpse

b. A skeleton

a. Every third soldier

c. An officer's servant

c. A personal royal following

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b. A levée en masse

to be with East. In that case, what can the declarer do about it? Here knowledge of end-play comes in. If South can strip West of his black cards. South can

TIN FISH

a. A Lifeguard

c. A torpedo

CASTILLON

c. A battle

a. A Spanish man-at-arms

b. A fortress commander

b. A submarine

king declarer tries ace and king of diamonds; East throws

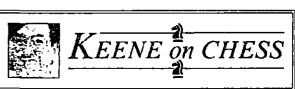
a spade on the second dia-

mond. Declarer has a trump

then exit with the third round of diamonds and force East to give him a ruff and discard. There remains a final precaution. The problem with simply playing off the top clubs is that West may ruff the

second one and exit with a spade. So the correct sequence of play is: cash a top club at trick five, cross to the ace of spades and lead towards the clubs. It does West no good to ruff, so he discards, and now declarer wins in dummy and plays off the top spades before exiting with a diamond. This line of play succeeds whenever East has the queen of clubs. It only fails when West started with Qxx of clubs. ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on

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Last-round games can play a NxtH crucial role in determining the ŪxC6 eventual prize line-up in chess tournaments. With the final 27 Rc1 28 kg2 29 Qs6placings in sight, it is often nerves which play the decisive role, usurping the need for Black resigns In the tournament in Diagram of final position Gausdal, Norway, which finished last week, the Australian Grandmaster Ian Rogers had to win this last-round game in order to take undivided first

After an obscure pawn sacrifice, Rogers offered a draw. but, overcome by ambition. his opponent refused, only to succumb to the last-round tension and allow Rogers a winning breakthrough.

White: Ian Rogers Black: Eckhart Schmittdiel Gausdal, January 1996

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Simultaneous record The Swedish Grandmaster Ulf Andersson has broken the record for playing a large number of opponents at one and the same time. Earlier this month, at Alvsjo

near Stockholm. Andersson gave a simultaneous display against 311 opponents. After 15 hours and 23 minutes he had set a new world record, winning 209 games, drawing 40 and losing only two.

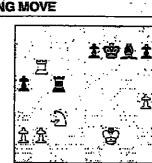
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to move. This position is from the game Hodgson -Plasken, Hastings Premier 1986. Although this is a simplified endgame position. Black found a neat factical sequence to force victory. What did he play?

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Stone investigation puts boxing on the ropes

The law takes a firm, paternal stance on potentially lethal activities such as smoking. driving and drinking. All three can not only kill you: they can injure you. they can impair the quality of the rest of your life. Therefore, for all these, the law sets a minimum age of 16, 17.

This is not the case in boxing. New research shows that boxing, like smoking, can have debilitating effects from the day you take it up. These facts must be looked at with the utmost scriousness. The facts come from the examination at the Royal London Hospital of the brain of a 23year-old boxer who died of violent injuries caused in the ring. Although the hospital could not name the boxer because of patient confidentiality, the fact is that Bradley Stone, 23, died in the Royal London in April 1994.

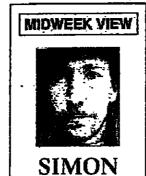
The point here is that there are two types of injury that can be caused by boxing. The first is the acute concussive injury during a fight that leads to bleeding in the head. That is what causes the dramatic rushes to hospi-

The second type of injury is subtle and cumulative, a slow accumulation of damage, cell by cell, that may take years to produce any obvious effect. It makes itself clear as a progressive failure of memory very similar to Alzheimer's disease. For which, of course, there is no treatment.

The truly disturbing fact is that Stone suffered from both. He died from a massive brain haemorrhage, two days after his last fight. But a team of neuropathologists at the Roval London, led by Dr Jennian Geddes, discovered that Stone's brain also contained structural abnormalities of the kind found in those who suffer from Alzheimer's - and also in old boxers.

The punch-drunk syndrome, or dementia pugilisitica, is suffered by old boxers and is a long-established neurological fact. The breakthrough here was the detailed investigation of the brain, looking beyond the immediate and dramatic cause of death.

"We found signs of long-standing brain damage and, because there was no evidence of any other disease when he was alive we have to



assume it was caused by repeated blows to the head," Geddes told the

BARNES

New Scientist magazine. Stone had been boxing from the age of II. He had fought as a professional for four years. There was nothing, bar a little absentmindedness, to suggest that he suffered from any damage to the brain. But the damage was there all along, subtle and cumulative. A statement from the Royal

London Hospital said: "The changes seen in brain cells in dementia pugilisitica are called 'neurofibrillary tangles'. Their presence is always abnormal and indicates that there has been damage to nerve-cells. They are not found in young adults (and were not present in 21 brains of nonboxers which were also studied as controls). As neurofibrillary tangles can only be seen under a microscope, they would not have been detectable by the brain scans that are routinely used to monitor boxers."

in other words, you have to be dead before they can be discovered. The British Boxing Board of Control has long claimed that punch-drunk syndrome is a thing of the past: better controls and shorter fights see to that. The Stone case puts that argument right out of court.

The New Scientist said in an editorial: The pro-boxing world cannot remain sceptical. They have persistently asked for scientific evidence to prove that boxing causes brain damage even when the sport is played under tight controls. They have it."

So far, I have stuck to facts and the opinions of others. My own abolitionist stance on boxing has been echoing down these columns for some years, after all. I do not want these latest and terrifying facts to be written off here as another bit of opinionmongering.

My own belief, that boxing should be banned, is normally countered by the consenting adults argument. This is a good argument, but it is condemned to the shredder by the Stone case. Stone may have been a consenting adult when he died, but he was a child when he set out on the road that led to the subtle and cumulative injuries he also received. It is the job of the law to protect children from activities that will ruin their adult lives.

I would like to congratulate the researchers at the Royal London for a piece of important work, for that eternally important scientific matter of looking beyond the obvious. Their research clearly has stunning implications for boxing. Every argument boxing puts up for its continuation now lies in tatters

Age-old rock is updated

Hearts and Hands and Voices. Radio 2, 9.00pm.

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The fourth of Barbara Dickson's programmes about hymns through the ages is a veritable ear and heart-opener. She brings religious songs right up to date. I cannot imagine anybody coming up with a more effective way of measuring the vast distance the hymn has travelled since Herbert Howells's death in 1983, never mind the changes made since the great explosion of hymnology in the Victorian era. As Dickson says: "It is possible to write great new hymns in our time." In the 20th century, many hymn tunes and rhythms are recognisably those of the quickstep and even the beguine, and the evangelical movement has produced some vocal riches. And yet Rock of Ages refuses to crumble in our affections.

Concerto. Classic FM, 2.00pm.

RADIO 1

"Hold on a minute," you might find yourself saying after listening to the first few minutes of this recording "surely that's Chopin! But they said it was someone called Field." The reason they said it was Field is because it is. Dublin-born John Field was Chopin's contemporary. It is generally agreed that he invented the nocturne, which Chopin went on to perfect and popularise. As composer and performer, Chopin admitted his name was often coupled with Field's. I hope all this has given you an appetite to hear John O'Connor playing not Chopin's but Field's Piano Concerto No I with the New Irish Chamber Orchestra this afternoon.

Britain seek high-tech aid to qualify

Whitaker projects modern image of Olympic pursuit

ANYONE still regarding hockey as one of the last bastions of gung-ho amateurism has clearly not inspected the nerve-centre of the Great Britain team at present involved in an intense struggle for Olympic qualification here. Room 407 of the team hotel looks more like the bowels of a BBC outsidebroadcasting unit than a bedroom as two coaches dissect the team's latest performance on a double-monitor editing suite and the head coach. David Whitaker, surveys an 8ft high projection screen pinned to the far wall.

Nothing is left to chance in hockey's new high-tech age. The gadgetry includes a video camera with on-sight replay facility (£5,000), £2,000 worth of portable projector, a tripod (£500) and batteries which set the cash-strapped Hockey Association (HA) back £250 a match. The editing box cost another £3,000. The team even has its own video operator. he fed information on shortcorner routines and tactical nuances by radio, much like an American football coach. while the players talk in unchappish lingo about "run-

ning patterns of play". How much difference this appliance of science makes, not even Whitaker would care to quantify. The gap between the leading eight teams in the world is so minute, no one can afford to miss a trick. And if that means the treasurer of the HA poking his nose around the door to see where all his money has gone, so be it. The international game is as much a battle of wits off the field as on it. Information is power and players like to know they have the technology on their side, too. Before the 4-1 victory over Belorussia the coaching team analysed every routine their opponents had used in this and the last tournament.

Answers from page 45

3 other Saxon kingdoms.*

TIN FISH

magnified and plastered over a hotel wall. "You look at TABLE mistakes not to beat up on players," Whitaker said. "But to make them go forward. It's a matter of building up their trust. Some are receptive to the feedback, some are still stuck in a fear of does that mean I won't play again?"."

It is a fine balance between TODAY'S MATCHES: Canada v Malay-sıa; India v Belorussia, Sparn v Britain; Belgum v Holland promoting fear and eradicating stupidity. While consciously resisting the temptation to hark back to past glories. Whitaker knows that this team has yet to develop the Whitaker is too shrewd to be independence of spirit so vital to the success of his 1988 side. hooked by the wizardry. He

One of his favourite sayings is:

Those who look to the bench

the 1988 team, now chairman

of the Great Britain men's Olympic Hockey Committee,

has noticed it, too. It was all he

could do to stop himself from

rushing onto the pitch when

Belorussia scored on Monday.

"That's when experience

we're still 3-1 up.' The goal

might be somebody's fault but

it doesn't matter. Let's get on

craft can be taught by video

may only be discovered in

Atlanta in July when the team

will be more battle-hardened

anyway after a ferocious

matches. "The players seem to

want more fed to them. It's not

just in hockey, it's life in general," Dodds said. "But the

one thing that makes charac-

ters is individuality. The guys

I call great players were those

who would put their necks on

the line and do something out

It is reassuring, then, to know that some old-fashioned

cracking methods remain. At

one point in their last match.

Whitaker was so cross with

his team he rejected all advice from his video men. "1

thought: 'Sod it, you've got

yourselves into this mess, you

get yourselves out of it' and I let the team get on with it."

That will be music to the ears

of the treasurer, anyway.

of the ordinary."

of preparation

Whether that sort of ring-

with it."

Richard Dodds, captain of

should be on the bench."

was, after all, coach to the 1988 Olympic champions, whose debt to electronics extended no further than a VHS tape and the nearest television screen, and who won gold through such unprogrammable virtues as resilience and flair. Nor does he have to search far for a morality tale to highlight the dangers of stifling free thought.

One of his assistant coaches,

Julian Halls, who missed Britain's first three matches with a back injury, will not play against Spain today and is doubtful for the remaining games. "He is fairly mobile when running but, when it comes to hitting the ball, there are problems," David Whittle, the manager, said.

James Duthie, still remembers a short corner in the semifinal of the 1984 Games in Los Angeles. He followed instructions by hitting the ball high. The keeper palmed it away. Britain lost 1-0 and Duthic still wonders what might have been if he had followed his instinct to shoot low.

The video also isolates players who are willing to accept their mistakes and learn from them. Some can be suspicious of having their inadequacies

WORD-WATCHING

(c) A fairly obvious joxular metaphor for the unfunny torpedo, slang from

WWI when the tin fish was introduced. Cf. tin hat for the soldier's helmet.

as Germans were called Jerries because their tin hats looked like the

hedroom utensil that was more common when lavatories were rare and/or at the bottom of the garden. In naval Jackspeak, the older expression tin man describes someone trying to dominate any discussion without having the necessary knowledge, and therefore in danger of being knocked down like the tin men targets on a rifle range.

(c) The decisive battle of the Hundred Years War, 17 July, 1453. The

English longbow was finally overcome by French artillery. Instead of their usual defensive formation against the French cavalry, the English

were forced into an injudicious attack. Near the place now called

Castillon la Bataille there is a memorial plaque to John Talbot, the

English commander, who fought and died at the age of 75 without wearing his "harness", as he had footishly sworn not to do, and was in

(b) The call-up for military service of all the Anglo-Saxon farmers who

were required to follow their king into such battles as Stamford Bridge (not Chelsea) and Hastings (Senlact, Trevelyan, History of England: "The

King's personal following of thegas was not large. The fyrd could only be called out for a few weeks, and the Saxon farmers had no desire to colonise

(b) A skeleton corps that consists of key personnel, mostly officers

sergeants and technicians, a military nucleus capable of rapid expansion. French from the Russian for a cell of trained communist leaders. The

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 ... Bd4+ and when the king moves, Black continues 2 ... Rxc3, winning a

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Askew, left, and Humphreys secure eleventh position in the compulsory dance in Sofia

Cousins's status under threat

FROM JOHN HENNESSY IN SOFIA

STEVEN COUSINS, the holder of the British figure skating title seven times. opens his challenge here today in the European championships. Cousins. 23, a Welshman, will be backed up by an even younger skater from Northern Ireland, Neil Wilson, 17, in the short

At stake will be not only a laudable finishing position — the possibility of a medal is out of the question - but a share of the prize-money on offer for the first time in these championships, now that the word amateur has been expunged from the skating vocabulary. The winner will receive about £20,000, but even the last of the 24 who qualify for tomorrow's final will receive a modest reward

of around El,300. Cousins finished eighth last year, thereby allowing Britain a second entry this time and contriving the baptism of Wilson at this level. The results this season suggest that competition is so fierce that Cousins will do well to hold his position. Much will depend on whether or not he can pull off the spectacular

combination jump of triple axel to triple toe-loop as some others are expected to do. Wilson, a superb stylist in the manner of John Curry. cannot yet compete gymnasti-cally with the leaders and his combination of triple flip to double toe-loop, plus the absence of a triple lutz, will place him at a severe disadvantage in this particular exercise. He needs not 24 minutes stud-

ded with the required elements but the 4½ minutes of the free programme to develop and display his artistry. Marika Humphreys and Philip Askew, brought togeth-

er only six months ago by Betty Callaway, did well yesterday to finish eleventh in both compulsory dances at the first attempt. Humphreys, moreover, was shaken by a collision during the warm-up for the second compulsory, a silver samba, which produced a small but deep cut in her right ankle. She stoically

disguised any sign of discom-fort during the dance. Both dances were won by the world champions. Oksana Gritschuk and Evgeny Platov, of Russia.

Mike McKintyre and Bryn

Vaile won a gold medal at the

1988 Olympics in South Korea.

Smith has had only a short apprenticeship in the class. It

began at Spa, in Holland, in

May last year, where he won

squeeze extra speed makes

One pointer to the outcome

of this latest contest came last

week, when both Smith and

Charles raced at the St Peters-

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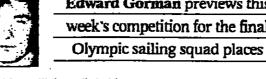
Smith seeks to come top of the class

LAWRIE SMITH, Britain's most successful yachtsman. faces one of the stiffest challenges of his career this week as he fights for Olympic qualification in the Star class against his old rival, Glyn Charles. The Coral Reef Yacht Club here in Miami is the setting for what may turn into

a grudge match. Smith, bronze medal-winner in the 1492 Olympics in the Soling class, has bearen Charles in Olympic trials twice before. Charles, a former top Laser sailor and skipper of the Mumm 36 in Britain's Admiral's Cup campaign last summer, will be under pressure from the outset.

"One of the reasons Glyn went into the Stars this time was because he thought he had a good shot," an observer said yesterday. Then Lawric decided to come, which has upset the applecant a bit. Glyn and Lawrie have had a battle for qualification for the past three Games. There is needle

between them." The Star is the last class in the British Olympic squad to complete qualification. It will be decided over 14 races, eight



Edward Gorman previews this week's competition for the final

of which will be sailed this week in a fleet of 25, with the remaining six. in a much larger fleet, at the Bacardi Cup here in March. While trials in all the other

classes were completed in Weymouth last August, the Royal Yachting Association decided to delay the Stars to enable more teams to prepare. In addition to Smith, sailing with Chris Mason, and Charles, with George Skuodas, the five hoats in the trials here include David Howlett. with Phil Lawrence.

Howlett has years of experience in the class and went to the Olympics in Barcelona in a Star, where he was lying third after three races, before fading in the second half of the

The Star, 23h long with a huge mast carrying a large mainsail but a tiny nonoverlapping jib, is a notoriously difficult boat to sail well. It

goes beautifully in very light two races. He followed that winds but becomes overpowwith ninth place at the Euroered in anything stronger. pean championships and then The key is to master the an indifferent world champicomplexities of a sophisticated onships. His proven ability at and highly adjustable rig to tweaking a technical rig to generate straight-line speed. him favourite to qualify.

Although never a popular boat in Britain, there is excellent past form in the class.

Smith: proven ability

burg Sport Regatta, also in Florida. Smith finished third, one place ahead of his rival. Most of the rest of the British team were there, including Ben Ainslie, 18, who won the Laser fleet contest by more than 50 points. Among those trailing in his wake was Robert Scheidt, of Brazil, the world champion.

Jim Saltonstall, the Olympic team coach, was delighted. "It was a very good confidencebuilding result," he said. "Ben has now proven to himself he can beat these guys."

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iam On Air. Strauss (Metamorphosen); Scanatti (Sonata in B. minor); Tchaikovsky (Overture, 1812); Wagner (Overture, Rierzi); Shostakovich (Cello Concerto No. 1).

Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini. Scalabi Sonata in D): Mozart (Flute Concerto in G); Schumann (5 Lieder, Op 40); Nielsan (Mackensto)

10.00 Musical Encounters Including Greinger (Spoon River): Britter (Suite on English Folk Turies, A Time There Was); 10.25 Artist of the Week: Benny Goodman, clarinet. Bartók (Contrasts); 10.45 Kodály (Suite, Hary Janos); Greinger (Two tolk song arrangements: The Nightingale and the Two Sisters: Molly on the Shore) Falla (El Amor Brujo) 12.00 Composer of the Week: Prokofiev (In Your Brightness: Caritate for the 20th

Cantata for the 20th Anniversary of the October Revolution, movements 1-7

and 8-10)

1.00pm Birmingham Lunchtime
Concert five from Pebble Mill.
Ulrich Heinen, cello, Frank
Wibaut, piano, Beetinoven
(Cello Sonata in D); Prokoflev
(Cello Sonata in C, Op 119)

2.00 Schools, Together 2.20 Time
and Tune 2.40 Drama
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Workshop
3.00 Midweek Choice. Handel
(Etemal source of light divine,
Birthday Ode for Queen
Anne); Vaughan Williams
(Oboe Concerto)
4.00 Choral Eventsong, live from
the Chapel of New College,
Oxford

5.00 The Music Machine: Sonala.
Tominy Pearson continues to
erolore musical forms
5.15 in Tune, with Jeremy

Nicholas
7:30 City of Birmingham
Symphony Onchestra under
Mark Elder, with Olga
Romanko, soprano, Emil
Nanov, tenor, Phillip Joll,
barisone, Anne-Marie Owens,
mezzo, Donald Adams, bass,
John Hudson and Barry
Banks lenors and students Banks, tenors, and students of the opera class of the Welsh College of Music and Drama. Delius (Paris, the

Song of a Great City); Puccini (fitabarro, il tribos)

8.55 The Maxion Festival. A return to the spoof aris (specifical from Maximus Administration) festival from Maxton Market Garden, With David Horovitch, Shella Steafel and Tyler Butterworth 9.15 A Ligeti Premiere, Michael Collins, clarinet, Tabea Zimmermann, viola, and

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imogen Cooper, plano, perform Kurtag (Hommage à R.Sch); Schumann (Märchen-erzählung, Op 132); Ligeti (Soneta for solo viola);

(Soneta for solo viola);
Schumann (Phantasiestücke,
Op 73); Mozart (Clannet Trio
in E flat)

10.45 Night Warves Lisa Jardine
asks why women write as
men and vice versa; and
reports on Pedro Atmodovar's
new film, The Flower of my
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new tern, The Flower of my Secret 11.30-12.30em Voices Voices at the Wignore Hall, Iain Burnside introduces the baritone Sergel Letferkus and planist Graham Johnson 1.00-1.50 Might School Verseplay 1.24 Inlant History

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7.45 Times Past, Times Future:
The Unions, Jeremy Payman
chairs six discussions in
which people who have held
the nation's top jobs share
their emergence and dehelo

their experiences and debate

both the lessons they learnt and how their successors could change things. With Jack Jones, Frank Chapple, Clive Jenkins, Brenda Dean, Barbara Castle and Cecil Parkinson (2/6)

Parkinson (2/6) 8.30 Still Lives (2/4) (t) 9.00 Plastipoints. Professor Jo Durant looks back at the

events that sparked off the events that sparked off the great scientific ideas of our time (4/4).

9.30 Kateldoscope 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight with shall Hilling

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10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 This Sceptr'd Isle (LW only)
10.30 Woman's Hour Introduced
by Jenni Murray, Senal.
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Montsey's Mother of Pearl
11.30 Gardeners' Guestion Time.
Pippa Greenwood, Nigel
Colborn and Geothery Smith
answer isteriers' questions.(r)
12.00 News; You and Yours
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by Ted Moore, With Carol
McGuigen and Graham

Martin (3/3)
2.45 Letters from Here and There, Letter from New York with Leura Thompson (4/6) 3,00 News; The Afternoon Shift 4,00 News 4,06 Kaleidoscope. Paul Gambacchi reviews

Sidney Politack's remake of Sabrina 4.45 Short Story: Head Down by Pippe Gadhill Read by Catherine Harvey

10.00 The World Tonight with Isabel Hiton
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Love in the Time of Cholera by Gabriel Garda Mirquez.
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12.00 News incl 12.27am Weather
12.30 The Late Book: The
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Ballard, Read by Nicholas Farrell (3/10)
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Scream in danger of turning into a giggle he story was not particularly grisly, but there was a chilling moment in last night's harm done" stamped clearly on their foreheads. Everyone watch-Omnibus (BBCI), reminiscent of ing the film knew that the painting was now back on the wall, yelling "Aaargh! I feel so wobbly"; and the thriller at its best. On the trail of The Scream, stolen from Northat the guilty men had been con-victed. But this was no reason to make the crime and the investigaway's National Gallery, two men drove to a secret destination and found by the side of the road, in the tion look somehow unserious. grass, a fragment of The Scream's True, it's only a painting, not a original frame. They picked it up. Their hearts welled with horror. It human life. But it was really stolen, and it is really worth

several million quid. I suspect a Norway Factor here (ho ho, nothing horrible happens in Norway). I also suspect a Hitler Diaries Factor - a desire to make the story appear ludicrous and farcical — when actually only little bits of it co-operate with that analysis. What will make last night's story famous, however. was a genuinely funny moment told by a jolly cove from Scotland Yard, whose role (as recreated) was to stay in a hotel room, eat plentifully from room service, and

worry about what was going on. But he also had this awful moment: having chosen an Oslo hotel for his cleverly prepared set-up, he discovered just before the crucial meeting that the place was overrun with international police wearing tags and bulletproof vests. A police convention was being held in the same hotel. His whole life flashed before his eyes. But in retrospect, perhaps it was no bad thing. Think how this coincidence must have impressed the opposition, if they were at all suspicious. Nobody would plan this, they must have thought.

nd talking of bad planning. the second instalment of The House (BBC2) lived up to the promise of its trailers, with a beleaguered Jeremy Isaacs trying to outface his board for a circumstance sternly described as "catastrophic" and "appallingly incompetent". Somehow a terrible de-

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

cision had been made - to commission the designer Maria Biornson for two huge, elaborate productions at once. The resulting ogjam caused a big budget overspend, and people were looking pale and strained. Nobody put the blame on the designer, which was nice of them (and probably fair). The only time anyone had a sharp ward for her was when two horses were introduced to her finally"The horses are white! Should they be white?" she exclaimed to a weary Trevor Nunn. He put his hands behind his head and leant back, "I don't care," he replied. Rather in the way the unfortu-

nate Oslo police convention made Scotland Yard's operation look genuine, this cock-up at the Opera House certainly proves one thing: that nothing was contrived to impress the cameras. Tsk, tsk, no-body would plan this. But as always, the backstage horrors were not reflected on the stage -Karva looked and sounded wonderful. Biornson's set was a great Expressionistic whirl of paint rather like The Scream - and the Russian star stood in its vortex singing the Czech for "Aaargh! I feel so wobbly" to great effect.

The Sleeping Beauty for the Royal Ballet was another triumph of design, but unfortunately another oversight came to light

prima ballerina slip and fall over. The producer, Anthony Dowell, watched the dress rehearsal from the stalls, grimacing and holding his head. What cracking good telly this is. I could watch it every night.

n children's television. Grange Hill (BBCI) re-turned for its 19th series. replacing the enjoyable six-part Demon Headmaster. A boy called Kevin was taunted by toughs for wearing a namby-pamby anorak: and a boy called Chris turned out to be remarkably good at badminton. Well, this was enough for me; I was hooked. Watching children's television is always excusable, I think, if one can say. Just looking out for the stars of tomorrow" which fools nobody but preserves some dignity. The Demon Headmaster featured some very good pint-sized actors (Frances Amey as the girl lead was lovely) and also a

frightening prefect called Rose (Katy Crawford Kastin) whose proud face and crystal-cut accent mark her as a potential Estella, if Great Expectations is made again

Finally, The Chauffeur's Tale, a mysterious ten-minute programme about Barbara Cartland's former chauffeur, turned up before Newsnight on BBC2 - a colourful. sunny little film, set mainly in the interior of a travelling Rolls-Royce while Perry Como crooned Magic Moments. A fake Barbara Cartland sometimes took the passenger seat — face unseen, but identifiable by hair, cerise chiffon and lapdog - and the driver told anecdotes about his former employer, rather uncomfortably. Still, it's not many people who ve been upbraided in a fast-moving car. "Alderson, you fool! You've let me come without my eyelashes!" The unfairness of this accusation had evidently never ceased to rankle.

6,00am Business Breakfast (56618) 7.00 BBC Breaklast News (Ceelax)

was like receiving a finger in the

post - only instead of a severed

digit, it was a piece of wood like a

plank. The Scream was in danger-

ous hands! They must act at once!

Century was too pleasant and

ironic a film, however, to maintain

such bogus suspense for long. That

was its problem. While detectives,

middlemen and gallery officials recounted (and willingly recreated)

their roles in the investigation of

this heinous crime, they did so

with "after the event" and "no

Keith Alexander's Theft of the

9.10 Kilroy (s) (2704521)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (6097647) 10.05 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (6958908) 10.30 Good

Morning (s) (53453) 12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (6094989) 12.05pm Pebble Mill (9225095) 12.50 Regional News (13920250)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (80076)

1.30 Neighbours (Ceetax) (s) (64099076) 1.50 Hawkeye (s) (1157250) 2.35 Holiday (r) (Ceetax) (s) (4243453) 3.05 Timekeepers. Ouiz (s) (5459705)

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5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceetax) (s) (476182) N.L.: 5.35 Inside Ulster

6.00 Six O'Clock New (Ceefax) and weather 6.30 Regional News magazines (163) N.I.:

6.30 Neighbours 6.57 Inside Ulster News 7.00 This Is Your Life. Presented by Michael Aspel (Ceefax) (s) (3095)

7,30 May to December. Age-gap romantic comedy starring Anton Rodgers and Lesley Dunlop (n). (Cestax) (s) (347) 8.00 How Do They Do That? The secrets of film and television revealed and achievements from the fields of sport,

(Ceefax) (s) (719927) 8.50 Points of View. Anne Robinson presents viewers's opinions on BBC programmes (Ceefax) (s) (762453)

medicine, science and entertainment

8.55 Party Political Broadcast: By the Liberal Democrats (761724) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceelax) regional

news and weather (2960) 9.30 Hetty Wainthropp Investigates. country valage by the apparent suicide of Robert's uncle. All is not what it seems Something evil caused the old man's

death. With Patricia Routledge (979989) 10.20 Sportsnight. With Des Lynam. Featuring highlights of the European Figure Skar Championships and an interview with the England cricket captain, Mike Atherton, who reflects on the recent tour of South Africa and looks ahead to the World Cup. Also, news of tonight's football international between Italy and Wales in Temi (s) (5369328)

11.30 FILM: Lethal Error (1991) starring Denise Nicholas A murder mystery based on a true story Elizabeth Sturgis stands accessed of murder with the prosecutor demanding the death penalty. Directed by Susan Rohrer (57095) WALES: 11.30 Bowis (674637) 12.10am headines and weather (2930699)

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7.15 Lassie (r) (3162873) 7.40 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (r) (7226328) 8.05 Run the Risk (r). (Ceefax) (s) (5279144)

8.35 The Record (s) (9460279) 9.00 Holiday Outings. Le Touquet (r) (6310989)

9.05 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, 10.00-10.30 Playdays (6957279) 2.00 Wishing (r) (s) (86418415) 2.10 The Andrew Neil Show (s) (5493328). WALES: 2.10-3.00 Bowls (5493328)

4.00-6.00 Bowls (5124) 3.00 News (Ceetax) and weather: Westminster with Nick Ross. (Ceetax) (7116892) 3.55 News (Ceetax) and

eather (5172415) 4.00 Today's the Day. History quiz (s) (796) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (960) 5.00 The Oprah Wintrey Show. Fertility clinic

scandals. (Ceelax) (s) (7764892) 5.40 A Week to Remember (b/w) (258873) 5.50 A Different Country Practice. The work

of the Airedale NHS Trust (192279) 6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation. Science-fiction adventure series starring Patrick Stewart. (Ceefax) (s) (419250)

6.45 The O Zone. Pop music magazine (411076). WALES: 6.45 Delia Smith's Winter Collection (326502) 7.15-9.30 Soccer: Italy v Wales (80171182) 7.00 Video Nation. Camcorder diaries (442908)

(442908)7.50 Top Gear Take Two. Steve Berry on a Honda Pacific Coast motorbike (547601) 8.00 University Challenge. The opening contest of the second round is between Middlesex University and Selwyn College, Cambridge. (Ceetax) (s) (7057)

8.30 Della Smith's Winter Collection. Winter-warmers from China, Thailand and Japan (Ceetax) (s) (9892)

9.00 Yes, Minister. Political comedy starring the late Paul Eddington as Jim Hacker, a malleable minister. With Nigel Hawthorne and Derek Fowlds (r). (Ceefax) (3142)



King Tupou IV of Tonga (9.30pm)

9.30 Under the Sun: Fit For a King (Ceelax) (s) (960231) 10.20 What the Papers Say. With The Observer's John Sweeney (s) (136569) 10.30 Political Broadcast: Liberal Democrats (Ceefax) (s) (224273)

10.35 Newsnight (Ceelax) (549182) 11.20 The Blg idea. Andrew Marr is joined by the philosopher Peter Singer, who believes now is the right time to endorse what he describes as a "Copernican revolution of ethics" (127569)

11.50 The Midnight Hour with Andrew Neil. Political chat (s) (652415) 12.30am-6.00 The Learning Zone

CHOICE Video Nation: On the Joh BBC2, 7.00pm

Bruce Newman used to be a graphic designer. But he lost his job, his house was repossessed and he joined the alternative economy. He now stands in the middle of traffic jams, cleaning car windscreens. A fillin job has lasted four years. Newman's is one of more than 30 stories of the British workplace in the 1990s, culled from the BBC's team of video diarists. Statistics quoted on the programme suggest that we are working longer, enjoying the work less than we used to and feeling less secure in our jobs. The average lunch hour has shrunk to 32 minutes and 14 per cent take no break at Paul Sood. He says he does not mind his wife giving him a packed lunch to take to work. He is less pleased when she turns up at the office to make sure he has eaten it.

Dispatches: Citizen Maxwell Channel 4, 8,30pm

The end of the trial of the Maxwell brothers has left the media free to resume their investigations into the life and the death of their father. Channel 4's contribution comes from Malcolm Brinkworth, a respected name in television documentary, and his lengthy film covers several lesser known aspects of Robert Maxwell including spy, diplomatic fixer and, allegedly, arms dealer. Brinkworth also returns to the puzzle of how Maxwell met his death. The captain of Maxwell's yacht speaks on camera for the first time but do not expect startling revelations. Maxwell's career as an agent for M16, and his close contacts with the leaders of the old Soviet Union, are persuasively documented, as is his extraordinary role as confident of presidents and premiers

Hollywood Men: Desperately Seeking TTV, 9.00pm

It is an axiom of this series that the worthier men of Hollywood, those who have achieved some sort of distinction on the cinema screen, will be comprehensively swamped by the other sort. Thus tonight's episode contains quotes from Alan Alda, Gene Wilder and Martin Sheen so brief that if you blink you miss them, and endless contributions from denizens of the porn industry. The theme is fame, and how to achieve it. One of the surest ways, it seems, is to appear in a salacious court case. So forget Alda, Sheen and company. Hollywood Men is much more interested in Joey Buttafuoco. a convicted ranist, and John Wayne Bobbitt whose manhood was sensationally detached by a furious wife. Both men became celebrities, and for considerably longer than

Under the Sun: Fit For a King BBC2, 9_30pm

The anthropology series visits Tonga, where King Tupou IV is about to celebrate his 75th birthday and the 25th anniversary of his reign. Tonga was dubbed by Captain Cook the friendly isles and rarely makes the international headlines, though the king has featured in The Guinness Book of Records as the world's heaviest monarch. In an attempt to discard this unwanted distinction, he has slimmed down from 33 stone to a trimmer 20. The royal weight aside, the film is a portrait of a feudal society which democratic ideas have so far barely touched. The justification is that the system works and the people seem happy. There are dissenting voices but not many. Most of the islanders are only too glad to pay tribute to their monarch, enriching the birthday least with their pigs, giant yams and a juicy white grub called ofato. Peter Waymark

6.00am GMTV (2508892)

9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (s) (4051786) 9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (6934328) 10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (1708724) 10.35 This Morning(57949434)

12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (6083873) 12.30 News and weather (Teletext) (6397095) 12.55 Shortland Street (s) (9373989) 1.20 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext (32725960)

1.50 Home and Away (Teletext) (76855960) 2.20 Chain Letters (Teletext) (s) (18707279) 2.50 Vanessa (Teletext) (s) (4234705) 3.20 News (Teletext) (2986279)

3.25 Regional News (Teletext) (2978250) 3.30 Potamus Park (s) (2709637) 3.40 Wizadora (f) (s) (7383960) 3.50 The Twisted Tales of Felix the Cat (s) (7389144) 4.00 Terror Towers (Teletext) (s) (502) 4.30 Delta Wave (Teletext) (s) (786) 5.00 Garfield and Friends

5.10 A Country Practice (s) (6857960) 5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (992705) **6.00 Home and Away.** Steven is determined to continue teaching(r) (Teletext) (472927)

6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (933415)

7.00 Wish You Were Here ...? Judith Chalmers visits a caravan park near Poole where she goes bowling and tries to sail (Telelext) (8163)

7.30 Coronation Street. Percy finds himself the centre of attention and Alison tries to persuade Ken to take Denise back (Teletext) (415)



The supreme Diana Ross (8.00pm)

8,00 Des O'Connor Tonight. Tonight's guests include East 17, Eric Sykes and Diana Ross (s) (5163) 9.00 Hollywood Men (Teletext) (s) (5927)

10.00 Party Political Broadcast by the Liberal Democrats (114347)

10.05 News at Ten and weather (Teletext) 10,35 Regional News (Teletext) (731786)

10.45 FILM: Guns of the Magnificent Sever (1969) starring George Kennedy, Monte Markham and James Whitmore. Third in the series of 'Seven' westerns. This one sees the gunslingers attempting to free a Mexican revolutionary from a guarded fort. Directed by Paul Wendkos (300732)

12.45am God's Gift(331057) 1,45 Dear Nick (2622670) 2.40 Bushell on the Box (r) (s) (2266090) 3.10 Murder, She Wrote (r) (3374090)

4.05 Coach (s) (18439187) 4.30 The Time . . . the Place (r) (s) (83212) 5.00 The Village Show (35187) 5.30 Morning News (53496)

WESTCOUNTRY As HTV West except: 12.55 Chain Letters. Word game with cash prizes, presented by Vince Henderson (6372786)

6.25pm-7.00 Wales Tonight (933415)

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1.25 Coronation Street (32724231) 1.55-2.25 Home and Away (76854231) 2.25 Vanessa (18799250) 2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (1468927) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (6857960)

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5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (6857960) 6.25 Central News and Weather (457618) 6.55-7.00 Life Line (210434) 10.45 Central Sports Special (660618)

11.45 Tales from the Crypt. Two tales of terror Cunosity Kills and Death of Some Salesman starring Margot Kidder and Tim Curry (659502)

2.40am The Good Sex Guide... Late (7191090)

3.35 Jones and Jury (66570854) 4.00 Jobfinder (7992632) 5.20 Asian Eye (3503632)

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10.45 The Meridian Match (660618) 11.45 Tales from the Crypt (876750)

12.10am Short Story Cinema (4687941) 5.00 Freescreen (35187) 44- 54C

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12.00 House to House with Sheena McDonald

Edition (5198231) 12.30pm Sesame Street with Robin Williams (75250) 1.30 Madeline (r) (76877182) 1.55 Way to the Top. Puppet animation

2.05 Journey Into a Lost Japan (1). (Telelext) (49124637)

2.35 FILM: Terror in a Texas Town (1958, b/w) starring Sterling Hayden as a seaman who sels out to avenge the murder of his farmer father. Directed by Joseph H. Lewis (5523035)

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(7912182) 5.45 Terrytoons (266892) 6.00 The Crystal Maze Another chance to see Edward Tudor-Pole guiding a team of intrepid contestants through the four time zones to the ultimate goal (r) (Teletext) (s)

7.00 Channel 4 News and weather. (Teletext)

7.55 The Slot. Viewers' video soapbox (892778)

8.00 Brookside (Teletext) (s)(5453) 8.30 Company Dispatches: (49434)



Anthony Edwards stars (10.00pm)

10.00 ER. Carter fills in for an injured Benton while Greene (Anthony Edwards) supports the unpopular Weaver and with Chloe gone, Lewis's work suffers as she tries to care for the baby herself (Taletext)

11.00 Friends While the men go off to a hockey game, the women spy on one of their neighbours (r) (s) (7415)

11.30 Moviewatch Film magazine (s) (108279)12.05am The Best of Aykroyd, Belushi and Chase A profile of John Belushi, who died of a drugs overdose (2669458).

1.20 Made in the USA with Laurie Pike (r) 2.05 FILM: The Calendar (1948, b/w), British comedy-tholler staming John McCallum as a racehorse owner who is bailed out by his trainer when accused of pulling a horse Directed by Arthur Crabtree (2319800) Ends at 3.25



• For more comprehensive listings of satellite and cable channels, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday SKY ONE

7.00em The DJ Ket Show (88415) 8.30 Press Your Luo. (89786) 9.00 Court TV (46386) 9.00 The Open Writery Show (48381) 10.30 Concentrator (82291) 11.00 Saly Jessy Raphael (2007) 12.00 Jespan (1873, 189 The Walters (1828) 2.00 Genetic (87415) 8.00 Court TV (4502) 3.30 The Open Writer (98415) 4.15 (1873) 1.00 The Waters (1832) 2.00 Genato (8745) 2.00 Court TV (4502) 3.30 The Opah Winter Stow (23347) 4.15 Under (4512502) 5.00 Sar Tref. (5182) 6.00 The Serptone (2673) 8.30 Jeopardy (635) 7.00 LAPO (6911) 7.30 Marking (2673) 8.00 Each 2 (79811) 9.00 Poker Ferross (6547) 10.00 Sar Tref. The New Centration (6943) 11.00 Law and Order (4359) 12.00 Late Show with David Latterman (692685) 12.03 Saids The Under (43569) 12.00 Saids 11.00 Saids (25668) 13.00 Saids (25668) 12.45am The Un-buchables (6292854 1.30 535 (42583) 2.00 Hr Ma Long Pay SKY NEWS

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SKY MOVIES GOLD 4.00pm The Gay Divorces (1934) (2328) B.00 Two Flags West (1950) (45892) 8.00 F/X - Murder by Musico (1986) (57637) 10.00 Marathen Men (197619) (7211540) 12.10am The Rocky Horror Picture Show (1975) (339922) 1.50-3.50 The Man Who Loved Women (1977) THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00em We're No Angels (1954) (72328) 3.00 Robotts: The Movie (1983) (83627) 10.00 Show Business (1944) (13231) 12.00 Where Are My Chibden? (1994) (82960) 2.00pm The Happy Thieves (1962) (58238) 4.00 Robotts: The Movie (1983) (5828) 6.00 My Femily Treasure (1983) (51892) 8.00 The Paper (1994) (76637) 10.00 Cyborg 2 (1993) (555989) 11.40 A Bross Tels (1983) (42779366) 1.45am Knighthiders (1961) (781403) THE DISNEY CHANNEL Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm

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SKY SOAP 7.00em Guiding Light (7167892) 7.55 As the World Turns (9892811) 8.50 Peyton Place (4866207) 9.20 Days of Our Lives (7560250) 10.10-11.00 Another World (5923881)

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THE FAMILY CHANNEL 5.00pm Black Beauty (9231) 5.30 Timer (625521) 5.55 Balmen (874163) 6.30 Celerbrinase (6637) 7.00 Fob with in (9095) 7.30 The Fall Guy (32521) 8.30 Duty Free (7250) 9.00 Futh Rendel (39231) 10.00 Treasure Hurt (49618) 11.00 Non Refer (55453) 12.00 The Foll Guy (80690) 1.00cm Reteror (72818) 1 80 Reports (1995) 9.00 Batman (70816) 1,30 Rhoda (12395) 2,00 Big Brother Jaka (69380) 2,30 Neon Rider (38767) 3,30 Rhoda (79767) 4,00 Big Brothor Jake (50632) 4.30-5.00 Beauty (91309) MTV

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CARTOON NETWORK/TNT Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below. 7.00pm Royal Wedding (1951) (66872633) 9.00 Ryan's Daughter (1970) (86082366) 12,35em A Very Private Affair (1962) (9006767) 2.15 Light in the Plazza (1962)

CNN/QYC CNN provides 24-hour news and QVC is the home shopping channel. PERFORMANCE

7.00pm Rossim's L'Occasione Fail Lacro

Le Nome Di Figaro CHANNEL 1

6.30am Sports Page 9.30 Va Day 10.30 Interactive 11.30 Colour Supplement 12.30pm Partit Red 1.30 Ve Day 2.30 A.Z of Food 3.30 Planet Fastion 4.30 Interac-Page 7.30 Parm It Red 8.30 The Real Collector's Guide 9.30 1-treme Living 10.30 Pani It Red 11.30 Sports Page

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 24 1996

Sánchez Vicario succumbs to indefatigable teenager in Australian Open

youngster against a member of the established elite, they

were still locked together after

five different shifts of line

judges had been subjected to

quizzical glances and stares

extremities of the court and

Rubin, responsible either for

winning or losing the vast

majority of the points, largely

dictated the course of the

match. She seemed to be in

control of it, too, when she

took five successive games to

However, her forehand, a

penetrative weapon that Seles will seek to avoid, began to

misfire, and she yielded six

games in a row. So to the third

set, which may haunt Sánchez Vicario for as long as the

pivotal. 22-minute game against Steffi Graf in the

From 4-1 down, the Span-

iard recovered to level, saved

two match points at 4-5 and served for the match at both

6-5 and 8-7. She held two points to break at 8-8 and. crucially, four more at 10-10.

Thereafter, she was on the defensive and had to save

another two match points at

to stay in contention eventualtold. With a forehand

volley, her 68th winner to accompany 96 unforced er-

rors. Rubin converted her

sixth match point to go into the

last four 6-4. 2-6, 16-14 as well

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Never before at the Austra-

lian Open has a women's

match lasted as long as three

hours and 33 minutes or contained as many as 48

games or featured a final set of

30 games, which alone were

spread across two hours and

22 minutes. Seles and Michael

Chang together took less time

to beat Iva Majoli and Mikael

The strain of having to serve

Wimbledon final last year.

lead by a set and 2-0.

Both players aimed for the

gistering disbelief.

Rubin reaches heights to pass endurance test

THE apparently indefatigable overtime at collecting grandslam records. Still only 19, she has already distinguished herself as the winner of the women's singles matches to be staged at the Wimbledon and Australian Open championships.

The two demonstrations of durability both built up to similarly prolonged apogecs but, in the wider context, the latter example was significantly more rewarding. In suppressing the obstinate Arantxa Sánchez Vicario here last night, Rubin, of the United States, earned a semi-final appearance against the top

On the biggest stages, Rubin does not deal in sentences or even chapters, but epics. In last year's French Open, she was 5-0 and 40-0 down in the final set against Jana Novotna and still found a way to extricate herself from the perilous third-round position, saving nine match points in the process The next month, at Wimbledon, she tangled with Patricia Hy-Boulais for 34 hours, the longest women's duel in any grand-slam event. She prevailed 7-6. 6-7, 17-15, the final set being unprecedented at the

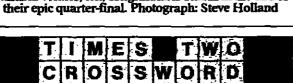
championships for its duration and the number of games. Here in Melbourne, the day after Brenda Schultz-McCar-

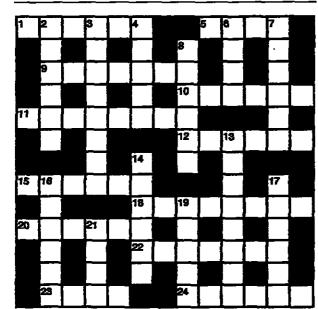
thy had delivered the fastest recorded service by a woman, der was stolen from Andre Agassi and Jim Courier as rain seeped into the first set of their delayed quarter-final and play was suspended at midnight.

Rubin and Sánchez Vicario had started their elongated journey five hours earlier. The



Sánchez Vicario, left, congratulates Rubin at the end of





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Rubin is a study in concentration on her way to victory over Sánchez Vicario yesterday

son-Dunbar, who took 612 hours to beat Jean Hepner. 6-4, 7-6, 12 years ago. Then, one point in the tie-break, a rally of 643 shots, took 29 minutes to

Tillstrom respectively. Rubin and Sanchez Vicario, By coincidence, because both of their usual doubles incidentally, were far from breaking the overall record. That belongs to Virginia Nelpartners were absent. Rubin and Sanchez Vicario agreed to

play together and have reached the quarter-final. There they are scheduled to play the top seeds, Natasha Zvereva and Gigi Fernandez.

in the early hours of this morning. Agassi and Courier will resume then, too. A year ago, Courier, beating Pete Sampras in emotional

distress at the thought that his coach might be terminally ill, suggested that they "finish this in the morning". His compatriot insisted on

continuing and won a quarterfinal voted by viewers of a cable television network as the most memorable sporting event of 1995.

Dourthe offers no excuse for kicking Clarke in Paris match

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

row the disciplinary action to be taken against Richard Dourthe, the Dax centre, who admitted yesterday that he had been really stupid to kick Ben Clarke on the head during the five nations' championship match between France and England in Paris last Saturday.

Dourthe said. "The English were pressing really hard then and I had a lot of adrenalin going. The ball wasn't rewhen he went to ground in a ruck and I just gave him [Clarke] a poke I know I shouldn't have done it and I'm going to have to pay

Further scrutiny of the match video suggests that Dourthe, 21, was none too careful with his boot when Steve Ojomoh was tackled, and subsequently penalised, late in the game. The young Frenchman pointed out that he himself, finished the match with long scratches down his face after being walked

When the selection panel meet in Toulouse, Jo Maso, the manager, is expected to press for a one-month suspension, which would keep Dourthe out of the games with Scotland and Ireland. "I condemn brutality and he will be sanctioned," Jean-Claude Skrela, the France coach, said. He had been warned beforehand to keep his temper under control."

Dourthe said: "I will try hard to regain my place and show the selectors by playing blamelessly that I'm not the bad boy I've heard I am these past few days."

The incident does highlight both the use and abuse of video evidence. If match tapes are examined hard enough, it would be possible, in a closefought, forward-dominated autumn, yesterday said he is game, to find moments that to take a break from the game fought, forward-dominated reflected little credit on either. team. England, it may be remembered, took no action against Clarke after a stamping incident against Ireland last season had earned him the first yellow card in international rugby. On that occasion, the excuse was that the referee had seen, and dealt with, the matter.

THE France team manage. England will name today an extended squad to prepare for the game against Wales at Twickenham on February 3. confirming the match XV only while, have included Neil Jenkins in their five nations' squad of 24, but find no place for Jonathan Davies, despite a his behalf since his return

from rugby league.

Mark Ring, the Cardiff centre who played alongside Davies for Wales in the 1980s, was swift to criticise the selectors, though they have quite properly voted for the young men who will take Waies forward rather than Davies



Dourther "really stupid"

33, whose form and future prospects are so limited. Jenkins, now recovered from a broken collar-bone, may not be match-fit for selection against England, which would leave the stage to Arwel

Thomas of Bristol.

Brian Moore, who announced his retirement from international rugby in the and would not play for Harlequins again this season.

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Irish move for Dalglish is blocked

IRELAND'S hopes of finding a highprofile manager to replace Jack Charlton received a serious setback yesterday when Blackburn Rovers refused them permis-sion to interview Kenny Dalglish, the club's director of football. Dalglish was the favourite on a shortlist of four.

"The Irish people contacted us last week with a request to speak to Kenny," Rob Coar. the Blackburn chairman, said yesterday. "Our response was that the approach was unwelcome."

Reports in Ireland last week suggested that Dalglish was reluctant to subject himself to a formal interview by the seven-man selection panel of the Football Association of Ireland (FAI). He was in Portugal playing golf yesterday, but the response of Sean Connolly, the chief unsuccessful. "He would prefer us not to speak with him at this stage." Connolly

Interviews with the other three on the list — Joe Kinnear, of Wimbledon, Mick McCarthy, of Millwall, and the former Sheffield United manager, Dave Bassett

— are being conducted today and tomorrow. There were suggestions in Ireland yesterday that Ronnie Whelan, the player-manager of Southend and one of Ireland's outstanding players in recent years, might be added to the list, but the stion that George Best was a candidate was dismissed by FAI officials

The loss of Dalglish, however, would be a severe blow, if he is to be totally discounted. After Charlton's resignation,

executive of the FAI, possibly left the door ajar if the first round of interviews is said that Charlton had taken the job onto said that Charlton had taken the job onto a new footing "and we must have someone of high standing to take it from

here he leaves it". Their search, however, has so far been unsuccessful. Joe Royle and Howard-Wilkinson were both refused permission to speak to the FAI by their clubs and Howard Kendall's decision to join Sheffield United in December was too recent for him to be considered.

Whoever does get the job will start the World Cup campaign in Liechtenstein, where it all began to go wrong for Charlton last June. Ireland's failure to win in Liechtenstein began the wretched run that ended their then strong hopes of qualifying for the European champion-ship and brought about Charlton's

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Australia restore World Cup order

THE cricket World Cup. plagued by such a variety of problems that it seems destined to start before its organisers are ready, was saved from disintegration yesterday when the favourites, Australia, dispelled the fear that they would withdraw through concern over security

arrangements. It was only after a two-hour meeting in Adelaide between their 14 selected players and representatives of the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) that the participation of unarguably the strongest team in the world was confirmed. Whether they can play to their potential with a number of their players worried by threatening letters from fanat-

ics, remains to be seen. The competition begins three weeks today when England, whose team arrived home yesterday from a South African tour unfairly condemned on the strength of two weeks of one-day cricket and one day of a Test series.

Alan Lee on the favourites' decision to take part, despite fears for their security

play New Zealand in Ahmedabad. Many matters remain unresolved, including tele-vision coverage in India, but the tournament, spread across three countries and spanning five weeks, would have been entirely discredited had Australia polico out.

This was a genuine possibility yesterday when the players had a prearranged meeting, after the announcement of a squad in which Michael Slater has regained his place at the expense of Dean Jones. The ACB had made it plain that no pressure would be exerted on the players to travel after Shane Warne, one of the competition's biggest drawcards, stated he was reconsidering the

advisability of playing. Warne is one recipient of

the threatening letters, a lega-

cy of the accusations made by

three Australian players that they were offered bribes by Salim Malik, the former Pakistan captain, in October 1994. At the weekend, Warne admitted his fears that "a few hotheads might do something

really nasty" during the World Cup. Mark Taylor, the captain. said yesterday: "To a man, we are keen to represent Australia in the World Cup but we are also worried about security and that is why we are talking." After the players had agreed to go ahead with the tour, Graham Halbish, chief executive of the ACB, said that their concerns "have not and could not" be removed.

A sharp dip in relations between Australia and Sri Lanka during their present Test series has not helped the players' peace of mind. Australia are due to begin their



Warne: threatened

World Cup campaign against Sri Lanka, where a state of emergency exists, in Colombo on February 17, but yesterday Halbish said that he expected the rifts to be healed before the final Test of the series begins in Adelaide tomorrow.

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